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HAROLD E. WALKER

Basement Flooding On Raymond Drive Hopefully Is Over

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

At its Wednesday, November 9th meeting, Town Council unanimously approved a measure that should solve the annual basement flooding faced each spring by residents of Raymond Drive.

Under a plan developed by Superintendent of Public Works John P. Stone, a pumping station controlled by the level of the groundwater will be installed to better protect the neighborhood against cellar flooding.

The pumping facility will be installed by the DPW with no charge to the residents for labor. To cover the cost of the pumping station hardware, as well as the cost of repairs for the 15-year lifespan of the pump and the cost of electricity to run the station for 30 years, the 15 residents will be assessed a one time fee of \$730.87.

Seniors Raise Some Objections

Although all 15 residents in the affected area agreed to have the town install the pumping station at their expense, some elderly residents objected to being assessed for electrical costs over a 30-year period, according to Councilor Walter Balboni.

"I'd like to see something done to prevent people of advanced age from paying 30 years in advance," Balboni said. "Some people are not happy being told they can add the cost on as a lien when selling their homes."

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Harold E. Walker Of Agawam Named Town's "Republican of The Year"

by Peggy Shoemaker
Advertiser News Feature Writer

The title "Republican of the Year - 1994" was bestowed on Harold E. Walker of Pomeroy Street by the Agawam Republican Committee.

The award consisted of a framed certificate, which is hanging on the wall behind his study desk and a black pen on a stand with brass plate appropriately inscribed. The citation states: "Town of Agawam, Ma., Citation, Presented to H.E. Walker on the occasion of his receipt of the Republican of the Year Award by the Agawam Republican Town Committee. Signed Christopher Johnson, Mayor."

Walker has also received two citations in recognition of the local award, one from the Massachusetts House of Representatives and one from the State Senate. The Senate congratulatory citation is signed by William B. Bulger, president of the State Senate and was offered by State Senator Linda Melconian.

The House of Representatives' citation extending "sincere congratulations to Walker," was signed by Speaker of the House Charles Flaherty and State Representative Michael Walsh.

Walker will be 85 years-old on December 2nd and both he and his wife, Lorraine, worked at the polls on November 8th, as is their custom. Harold worked at Granger School and Lorraine at Phelps School, from 6:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

His interest in the "Grand Old Party" came naturally, as Harold is the son of Ethel M. Walker of Springfield, who worked vigorously for Women's Suffrage. He knew that Colorado was the first state to give women the vote.

Oldest Member Of Committee

Walker is the oldest member of the Republican Town Committee and has been chairman for 20 years, returning to the position for the second time in 1992. The Republican Committee had intended to make its award in October, but postponed it due to the flurry of elections. Intended to be a surprise to the recipient at the meeting of November 5th, this happened to be the first meeting in Walker's memory that he did not attend.

Two members, Vice Chairwoman Virginia Legg and Priscilla Peterson brought the gift and awards to the Walker home. Lorraine is not as consistent in attending the meetings, and said, "I depend on Walter to clue me in."

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BARBARA GINGRAS receives the "Friendship Award" given each year by the Friends of the Senior Center. Friends member Lillian Doyle is making the presentation. Advertiser News

photo by Jack Devine.

Council On Aging Presents Three Locals With Annual Awards

by Peggy Shoemaker
Advertiser News Feature Writer

Three persons involved in assisting the elderly in varied ways were honored with individual awards at the sixth Annual Dinner of Friends of the Agawam Senior Center and the Agawam Council on Aging on Friday, November 4th.

Honored were Robert Watson, Jr., of Elm Street, recipient of the "Andrew Gallano Award," presented by the Council on Aging (COA); Barbara Gingras of Monroe Street, winner of the "Friendship Award," given by the Friends group; and Judy Zukowski of Brien Street, named Senior Center "Employee of the Year."

Peter Forastiere, chairman of the COA, was master of ceremonies, and approximately 75 people, area notables, and families of the award recipients and friends, were served festive chicken dinners by the kitchen staff.

A citation of congratulations from the Massachusetts State Senate signed by Senate President William Bulger and State Senator Linda Melconian was presented by Senator Melconian to Watson.

Award Given Annually

The Gallano Award is named in honor of the late Andrew Gallano, whose community activities included helping with the founding of the Senior Center. It is given annually by the COA for outstanding assistance to the elderly of Agawam.

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Council President James Taylor pointed out that there was a payment plan in place that would allow residents to apportion the cost over a 30-year period.

Councilor Edward A. Caba said, "I don't see how we could do anything without holding up the project."

Each spring, especially during periods of a quick thaw, residents are faced with water in their basements, Councilor Thomas Ennis said.

Councilor Gary Suffriti said one resident had eight to 10 inches of water last spring.

"There's nothing worse than water in your basement," Suffriti said. "I have to agree that \$730 is a small price to pay."

In a memo to Mayor Christopher C. Johnson, Stone reported that the community sub-drain system installed by the developer of the neighborhood was not functioning properly and residents of the westerly portion of Raymond Drive, led by Theodore Progulske, had asked the town to install a ground water pumping facility to handle the flow in the community foundation drainage system.

Balboni said the problem was caused by the foundations of the homes being built too low when the homes were constructed 30 years ago.

The estimated costs of the project are: pumping station, \$5,800; electrical fund, \$3,718 (over 30 years); repair and replacement fund, \$1,445.

Residents choosing to spread their payments out over time will be charged a rate of interest that is 2 percent above the town's cost of borrowing. Presently, residents will pay 7.5 percent to take advantage of the time payment schedule.

Fire Dept. Accepting Food For Open Pantry

The Agawam Fire Department will be accepting non-perishable food items which will be donated to the Open Pantry this holiday season.

Donations will be accepted at both stations till the end of the year.

Anyone with questions can call fire headquarters at 786-2662.

HAROLD WALKER - from Page 1...

The Republican Town Committee consists of 35 members, and Chris Quatrone is current chairman. He is a college student. The committee meets on the first Saturday of each month at the Oak Ridge Golf Club. These arrangements were made by past Chairman Andy Campbell, Walker said. The meeting room is called "The 19th Hole." The committee is limited to 35 voting members, but anyone interested may attend. He is not sure of the number of Republicans in town, but said there has been a steady increase in the number of independents.

The Walkers are parents of Kari Person of California and Brenda Weimann of West Springfield. A native of Springfield, Walter married the former Lorraine Wilson of Agawam in 1939

and the couple bought property on the bank of the Connecticut River in Agawam in 1941. He recalls they had bought the lumber and plumbing for the house they were to build just before Pearl Harbor caused the U.S. entry into World War II.

Enjoys Woodworking & Metal Work

In addition to politics and boats, Harold's present interests include woodworking and metal work (he has shops in his basement) and taking care of his property. He said he once built a 33-foot boat keel in his yard, which was purchased by a Virginian who saw it as he passed over the South End Bridge. It took most of a year to arrange to transport the keel south, Harold said, and the Walkers visited it once on the Chesapeake Bay.

Always a worker, Walker retired after 47 years with Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Co., where he was employed as a clerk auditor.

Don't Let Your Mailbox Overflow!

According to the Agawam Post Office, when your mailbox is overflowing with mail, it is a sure sign that no one is home and an open invitation to burglars.

Before you pack your bags and leave for a trip to Grandma's house, or that anxiously anticipated tropical vacation, stop by your local post office to file a temporary hold order to suspend delivery of your mail. Or, if you prefer, arrange for a neighbor to collect your mail daily while you are gone.

Temporary hold orders can last for up to 30 days and are initiated by filling out an official hold order form, available at all post offices. If a trip to the post office is not possible, a signed slip of paper clearly noting the beginning and ending dates of the hold can be given to your letter carrier.

For longer absences, it is recommended that

you fill out an official Change-of-Address Form, noting that the forwarding order is temporary, and providing the beginning and ending dates.

Mail delivery resumes the next working day after the ending date of temporary hold requests. If you return earlier than expected, notify the post office to resume delivery, or if the date of your return will be later (within the 30-day limit), have the hold extended.

The Postal Service offers these services to protect its customers' mail from theft, vandalism, animals, and hazardous weather conditions. In addition, delivery efficiency is increased.

So, before leaving for vacation, take precautions to protect your mail and your home. Because the day you return from your trip should be just as pleasant as the day you left.

"The Early Bird" Can Now Catch The IRS

We've all heard, the early bird catches the worm, but did you know the early bird can now catch the IRS, too.

"Our 413 area phone lines are now open at 7:30 a.m.," said Francine Crowley, Boston IRS District Director. "We increased our hours to help people who could not contact us during normal working hours," added Crowley.

The toll-free taxpayer assistance line

(1-800-829-1040) will now be available from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The assistance line services not only Massachusetts residents but also Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

The IRS has extended the hours now, to assist taxpayers as they plan for the upcoming filing season.

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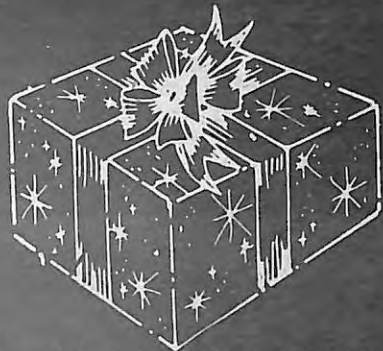


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Letters To The Editor

Phelps PTO Thanks The Community For Its Support

To The Editor:

The PTO and children of Phelps School would like to thank all the parents who baked for and worked at the Election Day bake sale. Also, a big thank you to all the people that bought our baked goods and raffle tickets; the bake sale was a huge success.

Congratulations to Madeline Paddock, the winner of the turkey raffle.

Sue Hamlett
Phelps PTO

Granger PTO Appreciates Support For Bake Sale

To The Editor:

Warm thanks to the voters who helped support the Granger School PTO bake sale.

You made the bake sale a success, and you can be assured that all the profits will be directly used towards Granger School enrichment programs!

Granger School PTO

Teachers Question Town Hall Memo Regarding Decorations

To The Editor:

Do the same rules apply to the Town Hall as they do to schools?

Tony Albro and Fire Marshall Calabrese sent out a very clear memo to all town buildings, stating what could and could not be displayed. Cornstalks and crepe paper streamers were not on the list; does this make them acceptable?

We, as teachers, are allowed to decorate 25 percent of our classrooms, as long as it is on a designated bulletin board. Yet Charlotte Cebula's Halloween decorations were showcased in local newspapers.

We feel they were a blatant disregard of the fire codes. Is this just an example of Town Hall employees being allowed to do as they please, while we teachers are used as some pawn for some dispute or power struggle between the Maintenance Department and Fire Marshall Calabrese.

Please understand this. Teachers decorate 25 percent of their classrooms; anything not posted on a designated bulletin board is pulled down by the janitors, and very often thrown away (this does wonders for a child's self-esteem). It looks as if for Town Hall employees, anything goes.

It's time to get our town policies, procedures, and priorities CLEAR and CONSISTENT.

Mayor Johnson, Tony Albro, and Fire Marshall Calabrese—what's good for the teachers, is good for all municipal employees.

Sincerely
Concerned Agawam Teachers

Agawam Senior Citizens Enjoy A Mystery Bus Ride

To The Editor:

On Wednesday, November 9th, two busloads of our town's seniors departed for an unforgettable Mystery Bus Ride to ... where? The "surprise" destinations were the new Norman Rockwell Museum and lunch at the Red Lion Inn.

"The best was yet to come," said Louis Scherpa, the Mystery Trip planner.

Our buses arrived at the Lenox Town and Concert Hall. We were greeted by the performers, who serenaded us with songs and music of the 40's. Our own Frank (Bojangles) Paradiso—who plans the senior trips—tap-danced to "Yankee Doodle Dandy" on stage and did a nice Lindy in the Aisle with a performer.

What a cherishable day!

Eddie Barako
Feeding Hills

Town Should Do A Better Job Of Treating Natural Resources

To The Editor:

It is in our human nature to nest, to have a parcel of land where we can feel safe. Our homes allow us the freedom and place to define ourselves as individuals, as a family, as neighbors, and as a community.

Our homes motivate us to toil at our jobs and live from paycheck to paycheck with integrity and purpose. In our homes, we participate in the seasons of life, building patterns, memories, a framework of love that nurtures us throughout life.

I do not own my home on South Westfield Street. I have rented it for 15 years from Mike Chmielewski, who undoubtedly is the best landlord anyone could ask for. My neighbors, the Durants and the Valentins, are like family to me.

I write this letter to urge residents of Agawam to come see our "historic" street, where Anne Sullivan was born. See the homes that have been raped one tree at a time, homes slashed away by Agawam's idea of progress.

Our town, of late, seems motivated by greed and convenience and it has destroyed our heritage to obtain these goals. Residents on South Westfield Street struggle with traffic, noise and air pollution, safety, and loss.

Our land, trees, wetlands, should be treated as gold. Why is it when we take vacations, we head to the lakes, mountains, oceans, places where we feel at peace, at one. Doesn't this tell us something about the need and importance of maintaining the natural beauty in our own backyards and community?

Perhaps if Agawam would learn from what has happened to us on South Westfield Street, there could be some dignity and closure to this mess. But for now, I grieve. I no longer hear or see the birds that once visited my weeping willow or the 100 year-old maples.

I am angry my windows have to stay shut all year-round to keep noise and car fumes out. I am saddened for my neighbors who lived the homeowner's dream, only to see their labors chiseled away.

But mainly I grieve for a town I care deeply about, that seems to have gone astray in thinking that our worth and wealth is based on more stores, more roads, more everything. Our real worth and wealth has always been here, in our unique history, our natural resources, our schools, families, and homes.

These are the treasures of this town. I hope Agawam will cherish what is left.

Laurel Ross-Gormley
South Westfield Street
Feeding Hills

ASA Soccer Coach Says Thanks For Memorable Season

To The Editor:

On the completion of the Agawam Soccer Association in-town fall soccer season, I would like to extend my thanks to everyone involved with my Girls' Under 10 Red Devils team for an exciting and memorable season.

Starting with the team members, all displayed persistence and determination throughout the season. From a coach's perspective, it was great to see how the game skills and stamina of each individual improved over the last 13 weeks. The players' positive attitude and good sportsmanship also made me very proud of this team.

Of course, no season could be a success without the help and cooperation of the players' parents. Especially appreciated was the support and encouragement they gave the team during practices and games, as well as the juggling of schedules and transportation to make those practices and games. In my mind, the good sportsmanship displayed by the players was a reflection of the values and attitudes of their biggest fans, and I cannot compliment everyone enough for the positive, enthusiastic encouragement shown to the team.

Special thanks also go to my staff. Coach Frank Fitchben's enthusiasm and support made it a very enjoyable season for me, and I look forward to working with him again in future seasons. The help provided by Stephanie Keenan, Vicki Fitchben, and Michael Ratkiewicz was invaluable during the pre-season and inter-game practices, as well as on the sidelines during the games.

Finally, I would like to comment that, in opposition to the late Vince Lombardi, winning definitely isn't everything. Sportsmanship, teamwork, and having fun in a recreational league is what it is all about. Nothing puts that more in perspective than experiencing the smiles and high-fives after EVERY game—win, lose, or tie.

Again, thanks to all, and have a safe and happy off-season!

Coach Rob Keenan
Agawam

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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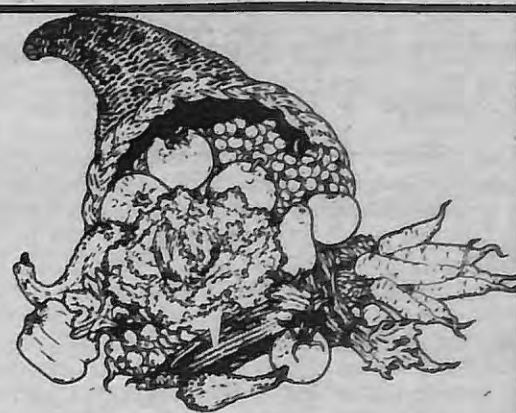
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Feeding Hills Resident Proud Of Large Voter Turnout

To The Editor:

I would like to thank all the voters that took the time to vote on November 8th. There was such a large turnout at all the precincts.

I was very proud of our town. The people had a vote to cast and they did it. I personally worked hard on the "no casino" issue. I would like to say to all the people that came to meetings, the unity chain, held signs at the polls, or did anything to help on this campaign ... thank you!

I would also like everyone to know that my work is not over. As Mr. Carroll has said they will be back, well, I say I have not left! The casino issue will not be over until our state says no casino! I will do whatever I can do to help make this happen.

Mr. Carroll, to you I have said that I would be more than happy to help you have a beautiful park with positive family entertainment and involvement. I stated that to you back in August and still feel the same way.

In closing, I would like to state that there will be more information coming as to what we can do to keep casinos out of Agawam and other towns/cities throughout our lovely state of Massachusetts.

Sincerely,
Joann M. McGeoghan
Feeding Hills

Discussing The Topic Of Congressional Pensions

To The Editor:

In the *Sunday Republican* of November 6, 1994, Bill Buckley commented on a subject that has been on my mind for a long time.

He mentioned how much more Vice President Al Gore's father was making retired than he did while an active Senator. Other reports have retired Senators and Congressmen making millions after retirement.

He (Buckley) made reference to a 60 Minutes program the previous Sunday in which Leslie Stahl interviewed Senators Dennis Diconcini and Alan Simpson. Deconcini questioned Leslie about her pension and she discovered if she made the same as Deconcini, after 18 years, her pension would be \$23,000 a year. He also compared himself to company CEO's.

Senator Simpson bewailed the sacrifices he had made to give up a lucrative law practice and "come and serve his country."

Well, here is what I think about Congressional pensions:

1. The Senators and Representatives are not company CEO's. We, the average public, elect them to serve us. In theory, we are their bosses. They should be compared to us, not CEO's.

They should curb their arrogance and come down off Mount Olympus and live with the voters. Personally, I think \$23,000 just about right for retired Congressmen and Senators. While I'm at it, why not pass a law that would make anyone making more than \$40,000 a year ineligible to run for Congress.

David Brinkley was bemoaning the high cost of campaigning. This way, no one could afford those repetitious, meaningless ads that tell you how a candidate is going to make a utopia out of Washington and that the candidate usually forgets as soon as elected. (Remember the middle class tax cuts that were promised a couple of years ago?)

Also, that way, the average person could afford to run rather than high paid lawyers like Senator Simpson or people like Senator Diconcini, who

see themselves as company CEO's. As far as giving up a lucrative law practice is concerned, who asked Senator Simpson to do so? I certainly didn't.

2. When Bill Clinton was elected, there was much talk about sacrifice and I thought, "My country is important enough to me that I would be willing to sacrifice." But after hearing about the size of Congressional pensions, the fact that they come off the top and there are large annual COLA's, I have lost interest in sacrifice unless our leaders set the tone by taking severe cuts in their retirement amounts.

If they are even thinking about cutting Social Security, then these severe cuts should come first and every senior citizen should insist on it. I object to Congressmen cutting Social Security benefits to help cut the deficit while they continue to pad their own obscenely high retirement benefits.

3. Do not worry about a shortage of political candidates if these benefits are cut. The power of political office alone, plus being in the limelight will always attract candidates to public office.

Robert E. Colburn
72 Beekman Drive
Agawam

Senate Bill 1739 Would Be Beneficial To Veterans

To The Editor:

I am writing to advise you of Senate Bill 1739. This bill, if passed, would prove to be very beneficial to veterans who are now members of a retirement system.

In essence, it provides the following:

A member in service of a retirement system would be entitled to credit for active service in the armed services of the United States; provided that such service shall not be credited until such member pays into the Annuity Savings Fund, in one lump sum, or in installments.

Make up payments of an amount equal to that which would have been withheld as regular deductions from his regular compensation for the period of such active service, had he been a member of the system, together with interest as determined by the Board. Creditable service could not exceed four years.

One way of showing how important this Bill is to veterans according to one of our agents, is to compare two similar individuals.

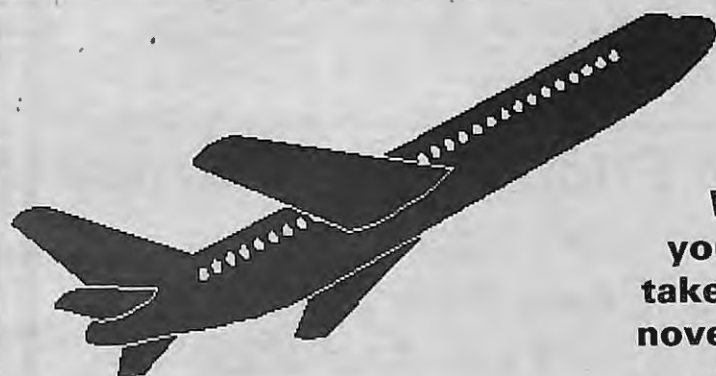
One entered state service in 1960, the other enlisted in the Marines in 1960. The Marine earned \$78 per month upon enlistment (this is the actual figure), and left the service an E-4 at \$160 per month, averaging \$125 per month for four years.

The other individual would have had a full salary from the state for those four years, plus four years more toward retirement. Because one individual decided to serve his country, and accept a far lower financial remuneration, he is now penalized when he retires. (This assumes the Marine enters state service after his military service.)

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Veteran's Agent

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To The Editor:

As a parent of three children in the Agawam school system, I would like to reply to Frank Lawlor's letter regarding the purchase of computer equipment for the Early Childhood Program.

Let's set the record straight. This purchase was made with the tuition money and not your tax dollars. The tuition collected should stay within that school and not be used for the needs of any other schools.

If monies are raised at the Junior High or Middle School, you would expect the money to be used at that particular school. Are you aware that the ECP program does not have a school nurse? All of the other schools have nurses and with the number of special needs children at the ECP program, there is definitely a need for a nurse to be available.

Two of my children have had to utilize SPED services for different reasons. I have also had a child in the ECP program as a role model so I have been on both sides of the coin. As a mother of a child with special needs, I feel these kids have a tough enough time getting ahead in the world. If they can get a jump on life learning with a computer, more power to them!! If you had a child with a disability, you would probably change your tune.

The Agawam Early Childhood Program is a wonderful, top notch program for our little ones. Maybe you should visit and observe an ECP class and you will see for yourself. You are never too young (or too old, in fact!) to learn computer knowledge.

A concerned mom who has been from ECP right on up to the High School.

Susan Meunier
104 Franklin Street
Feeding Hills

Veteran's Day Deserves More Respect And Observance

To The Editor:

Veteran's Day on November 11th was a splendid, sunny day in Agawam. At the Veteran's Green on Main Street, the Veteran's Council, VFW, and the American Legion performed their usual excellent memorial ceremony.

Our State Senator, Veteran's Agent, and Baptist clergy contributed to this observance.

Some 35 citizens were present, which gave an overall attendance of a little over 50 persons. One member of the Agawam Town Council was also present.

This event lasted less than an hour.

Our Armed Forces, as history related to us, have suffered millions of casualties among our men and women.

Our guest speaker, Mr. George Schlager, reminded us that 50 years ago on December 16, 1944, the Battle of the Bulge started. America suffered 4,000 prisoners to Hitler during this time, along with 16,000 dead and more than 50,000 wounded. This was a short battle of a few weeks.

Are our elected and appointed officials, along with 30,000 citizens, telling us that Congress should abolish Veteran's Day?

Sincerely,
Donald & Jeannette McCave
Agawam

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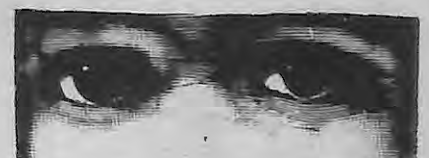
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LETTERS - from Page 6...

Parents Have To Face The Reality Of Funding Education

To The Editor:

The school department's favorite special interest group is at it again! They have used the good auspices of the school to send an alarming letter home urging all parents to "stand up for our children." They have forwarded petitions to the school committee restating their age-old position that they want MORE, MORE, MORE!

A few have even suggested that parents of all regular ed. students be charged a busing fee so that there would be enough money to buy computers for four year-olds. I say again, OUTRAGEOUS!

Some of these parents need a good dose of reality. The school committee should have the political courage to tell them the hard facts of budgetary life. They should be told that there is simply not enough money to go around. There is certainly not enough money in this year's budget to justify buying luxuries for the Early Childhood Center, while we are denying basic educational tools to our high school students who may be a year or two away from college.

It would be nice if there was an unlimited amount of money in the budget. It might be helpful to have CD ROMs in a preschool classroom. But there is not enough money, and sophisticated computers should only be purchased after all of the pressing needs have been addressed.

The ECP parents like to throw out the canard that since they pay tuition, they should be allowed to determine how "their" money is spent. Rubbish! Does anyone know of a preschool program that doesn't charge a tuition? Does anyone know of any school which allows the parents to determine how the tuition will be spent?

Does anyone realize that only a few feet away from the Early Learning Center, there is a TOWN-RUN preschool program which charges tuition and doesn't allow the parents input into how it is spent? Does anyone realize that the role model program is a voluntary program and that the town could do away with it entirely?

The role model parents do pay a tuition, a tuition which is very small by industry standards. For that tuition, the town provides them with a service! The town provides these parents with a high-quality preschool education for their children. Unfortunately, that doesn't seem to be enough for some.

The parents of regular education students have got to wake up. They have got to pay careful attention and make their opinions known when their child's education is being adversely affected.

Recently, the school committee authorized the transfer of \$200,000 from regular ed. to special ed. Because of this transfer, valuable programs and the purchase of basic supplies had to be curtailed. Purchase of new computers and software at the high school level was postponed indefinitely.

The athletic department's budget was slashed by more than \$30,000. Purchase of library books was shelved, despite the fact that the high school library is some 5,000 volumes short of state standards. High-ability courses have been slashed, and Project SEE has had its budget all but eliminated.

The most disturbing part of all of this is that we may not have seen the worst of it. Looming just over the horizon, probably right after next year's election, are user fees! These are fees charged to parents if their child elects to participate in any athletic program or extra-curricular activity.

With all this in mind, does it make any sense to be purchasing over \$10,000 of computer equipment for the preschool program? The irony of this whole discussion is that after the purchase of these computers, the Early Childhood Center will have better computer equipment than the Senior High School!

I know that this has become a very emotional issue. Any time the future of our children is involved, emotions run high. I believe, however, that this issue should be resolved on a simple, common sense basis.

If the tuition policy currently in place ties the school committee's hands, then it should be changed and changed quickly. Town funds (tuition money, state or city tax dollars, etc.) have got to be used to address the educational priorities of the entire system. The needs and concerns of ALL students must be addressed with some degree of equality.

Business-like decisions must be made by the school committee, and no one program should be allowed to prosper at the expense of all others. Money is tight, tough choices must be made, and policies must be adapted to deal with the current situation.

If we don't act, then children may get a marvelous introduction to education at the preschool level, and an inferior education for the rest of their school years.

Best wishes,
Frank Lawlor
Agawam

Mr. Carroll Should Not Act Like A "Poor Loser"

To The Editor:

In the November 10th issue of *The Agawam Advertiser-News*, I read several things that Mr. Carroll wrote which disturbed me, but was expected of him!

Mr. Carroll, you said, "We tried to present the facts without emotion, and we were surprised that the opposition was so misleading."

Mr. Carroll, we've all read your emotional plea to "Save Agawam's Riverside Park from the Pequots Indians," whom you said would add a theme park at Foxwoods and force you out of business. Your "emotional" scare tactics did not phase us in the least—especially since the Pequots have stated that they have no intention of doing so, and the mere thought of this is nothing more than a "figment of Carroll's imagination." So much for emotion!

As for misleading facts, it was you who gave misleading facts about the traffic surveys, which showed no problems. Untrue! One has only to come over the South End Bridge during the rush hour to witness bumper-to-bumper traffic ... now!

Mr. Carroll, you said that you are waiting and hoping for new rules to be set up concerning casinos. Further, you went on to say, "We're not going anywhere." It's quite apparent that, given the chance, you would still try to ram it down our throats.

Mr. Carroll, because you lost the casino vote, you act as though your business fabric has been unravelled. Why? After all, you still have Riverside Park, which brought you millions over the years.

DON'T BE A POOR LOSER!

Joseph L. Pisano
Agawam

Special Ed. Program Is Not Compromising Town Schools

To The Editor:

I have been an avid reader of your newspaper since its inception. I particularly enjoy reading the letters to the editor. This is the first time that I have responded to a particular letter.

I was appalled at a recent letter attacking the Special Education Department's suggestion to buy computers for the Early Childhood Learning Center students. I was particularly appalled at the writer's tone of insensitivity and caveman mentality regarding Special Needs Students.

Mr. Lawlor's underlying tone is that the mainstream education is being severely compromised to accommodate the special needs students.

If Mr. Lawlor had taken the time to understand the goals of Special Ed., he would have found out that every parent of a special needs child prays for the day their child can be placed in the education mainstream.

Perhaps Mr. Lawlor is suggesting that we place these children back into an institution and go back to the days of out of sight, out of mind.

Countless numbers of children have been helped by this program and have realized their fundamental right of a quality education. These include students who suffered from a minor learning disability to those who were physically challenged. Many have gone on to productive lives and in fact, have become tax-paying citizens of this country. Their alternative could have been wasting away in some state institution at considerably more expense to the taxpayers.

Mr. Lawlor should take the time to visit the center, where *special children* are lovingly taught by *special teachers*.

The second issue is the money itself.

This money was raised by way of tuition from the parents. These same parents pay their taxes in addition to this tuition.

My final point is the insinuation that this equipment would be wasted on four year-old students. I am the parent of a four year-old who is very computer literate. I agree that he may not know Lotus or Word Perfect, but I will bet you that he will be as comfortable with a computer at age 10 as Mr. Lawlor was with his G.I. Joe.

Sincerely,
Joyce Impoco
236 North Westfield St.
Feeding Hills

Councilors To Tackle "The Miracle Of Bondi's Island"

To The Editor:

We have all heard of "The Miracle of Massachusetts." Now we have a shred of reform where the President and Vice-President of the Agawam Town Council are forming a coalition to take over Bondi's Island.

They propose to build an elaborate haven for political also-rans and wonks. Also, a magnificent theater featuring squalid and enchanting political dramas; their names will emblazon the modern marquee. This theater will be the envy of all young and aspiring politicians and thespians. It should be the architectural prize of the Western Hemisphere.

This edifice will be built on stilts with an elaborate subway and waterway system to handle arrivals and departures. Their portraits will adorn each subway station and port authority.

To support this ambitious enterprise, they will have a flower and fruit stand in front of Town Hall, specializing in the sale of odorous bouquets from Bondi's and imported sour grapes from the Mediterranean. Also, a salon in the Town Hall, with the specialty being red hair pieces only.

Effective immediately, all councilors will be required to wear black robes from Harvard Square and red hair pieces from the Town Hall salon.

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SENIOR CENTER - from Page 1...

A resident of Agawam for 43 years, Watson is a Navy veteran and is married for 47 years to the former Elaine Fontaine. He served on the Agawam Housing Authority from 1959-1969, and again from 1984 to date. He is presently chairman of the Housing Authority and a member of the newly-formed Senior Center Expansion Committee.

Most of the town's senior housing and Brady Village in Feeding Hills were built during his tenure. During extensive community service over the years, he was on the town By-laws Committee, was a Town Committee member for 12 years, and precinct chairman for four years. He served as deacon at his church, worked with United Fund, YMCA Boy Scouts, and was on the Lions Club District Governor's Cabinet.

He is retired from Blue Cross/Blue Shield, where he was a field representative, and has experience in accounting, sales, engineering, and management.

In accepting the award, Watson said he believes that taking time for whatever recreation contributes to one's joy (sports, travel, etc.), and service to others, are components of a happy life.

Richard Mundo, executive director of the Senior Center, presented to Judy Zukowski a certificate honoring her as Senior Center "Employee of the Year." She is a member of the kitchen staff. Mundo said that "No one smiles more than Judy," and praised her for her cheerfulness. "She embodies traits I would like to see every employee emulate," he said.

Barbara Gingras was commended for always being ready to help where and when needed. Lillian Doyle, president of "Friends" of the Agawam Senior Center, presented her with a stunning gold-colored clock appropriately inscribed on behalf of "Friends."

"When she isn't collecting money at Saturday Night Bingo, she is in the kitchen helping to serve the guests," Mrs. Doyle said. Mrs. Gingras is treasurer of "Friends," was treasurer of Agawam Catholic Women's Club for many years, is treasurer of St. John's Church Christmas Bazaar, and treasurer of St. John's Church Over 60 Club.

Mentioning the center knitting classes which she instructs, an emotional Mrs. Gingras said, "It is wonderful to get recognition for something that you love doing so much."

Friends Donate Screen

A highlight of the evening had Mayor Christopher C. Johnson grabbing the pull of a movie screen and lowering it from ceiling to floor in front of their stage (as Mundo showed a few minutes of the film "Casa Blanca," with Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman). The screen was a gift to the Senior center from "Friends." "Now we will have a movie program in the evenings," Mundo said, "and be able to watch sport events on the big screen."

Entertainment in a humorous vein was presented by ventriloquist Gary Brodeur by using three of his puppets.

In the printed program were reports by Forastiere and Mundo, and comments by Johnson and Mrs. Doyle. They noted the enthusiasm of the seniors themselves and the need for continued public support if Agawam is to meet the needs of more than 5,000 of its residents who are senior citizens.

Please remember our deadline is early next week - Sunday morning, Nov. 20th. We open at 7:00 a.m. on Sunday morning. The office is also open on Saturday.



ROBERT WATSON (center) receives the Andrew C. Gallano Award from Peter Forastiere (left), chairman of the Council on Aging. Looking on is Richard Mundo, executive director of the Senior Center. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



JUDY ZUKOWSKI was named "Employee of the Year" at the Agawam Senior Center. Presenting the award are Richard Mundo, executive director (left), and Peter Forastiere, chairman, Council on Aging. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Best local news!

Action Taken On Persons Loitering At Schools

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

In the wake of action taken by Town Council at its November 9th meeting, anyone without legitimate business on school grounds during school hours will face a fine of \$300.

At the request of Superintendent of Schools Bernard F. Ryder, and with the unanimous approval of the School Committee, councilors unanimously approved an ordinance prohibiting loitering and trespassing in schools and school zones in Agawam during school hours.

Acting on the recommendation of District Attorney William Bennett that area communities adopt a standard ordinance to combat unauthorized personnel on school property, Ryder forwarded the proposed legislation for the council's consideration.

Legal Right To Proceed

Noting that school authorities have always had the right to stop loitering on school grounds, Ryder said the new law will ensure the legal right to proceed against trespassers to protect students and staff and to make sure the educational process goes forward.

Ryder said the new regulation will not affect parents and other legitimate school visitors who routinely stop at the principal's office when they enter a school.

While it has always been required that school visitors report their presence on school property to the building principal, the new ordinance provides law enforcement officials with a specific tool to combat unauthorized entry on school grounds during school hours.

According to a memo sent to Town Council by Police Chief Robert D. Campbell, cruisers regularly patrol school grounds. In order for the new ordinance to be effective, "school personnel must be trained to call the Police Department at the first signs of trouble when a trespasser is on the premises," noted Campbell.

Campbell added, "To date, the relationship between the Police Department and the School Department has been excellent and this, along with training, is what makes our children safe."

Permission From Principal Required

The new ordinance requires anyone who is not a student or staff member to obtain written or oral permission from the building principal to visit the school or to use any school playground or facility during school hours.

Distributing handbills, literature, brochures, or papers of any kind without the principal's permission is prohibited, as well as posting written material of any kind promoting business or organizations on any school building, tree, fence, or other structure on school grounds without permission.

Also prohibited is gathering on school property or within a school zone with the purpose of "annoying or molesting" the students and staff, as well as preventing students and staff from entering or leaving the school.

Councilor David Skolnick proposed and later withdrew an amendment to the ordinance that would have upped the fine to \$500.

Council President James Taylor said the council may be limited by state law to a \$300 fine.

Ryder said school administrators would be notified of the council's action. Currently, signs are posted on school entry doors directing visitors to report to the principal's office.

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Fire Wise

by Fire Chief David Pisano

Tips For Conventional Heater Safety At Home

So much has been said lately about the advantages and disadvantages of alternative heating sources (such as wood stoves) that the Agawam Fire Department would like to remind you of the following safety procedures to insure that your standard home heating system is properly maintained:

- Have a professional check and service your heating system every fall. They will look for possible worn-out parts, frayed wiring, and blocked heating ducts.
- Keep flammable material away from heat vents. Teach children not to touch these vents, as some vents can become very warm while the heating system is in use.
- Electric space heaters should be used only under adult supervision.
- When purchasing an electric space heater, look for a seal from a nationally recognized testing agency, such as Underwriters Laboratory (UL).
- Make sure that the electric cord is in good condition, not frayed.
- Regular household extension cords should not be used with an electric heater. The heaters draw too much electricity and will overload the cord.
- Never put a portable electric heater in a child's bedroom. In an attempt to get warm quickly, they may pull the heater too close to the bed, which could ignite the blankets on the bed.

For further information, contact the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662.

Agawam Obituary

Enrico W. Meucci

Enrico W. "Rico" Meucci, 72, of 160 Franklin Street, Feeding Hills, a toolmaker for Ben Franklin Manufacturing Co. for 15 years, died at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

He was born in Brunswick, New Jersey, and lived in Feeding Hills for many years.

He was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church in Springfield.

He leaves his wife of 50 years, the former Doris Gelineau; two sons, Bill A. of Chicopee and Rick R. of Sutton; a daughter, Nancy K. Cox of Londonderry, New Hampshire; a brother, Joseph of Springfield; a sister, Elizabeth Ludtke of Chicopee; and three grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Colonial Funeral Home and the church, with burial at Notre Dame Cemetery in South Hadley.

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AGAWAM FIRE CHIEF David Pisano (far left), this year's United Way Chairman for Town of Agawam employees, confers with Joseph Wakem, United Way, Loaned Executive; Michael Veales, Red Cross Disaster Relief Representative; Lt. Larry Grady of the Agawam Fire Department; and EMT Scott Barker. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Fire Chief Pisano Is This Year's United Way Chairman For Agawam Town Employees

Agawam Fire Chief David Pisano is this year's United Way Chairman for the Town of Agawam employees.

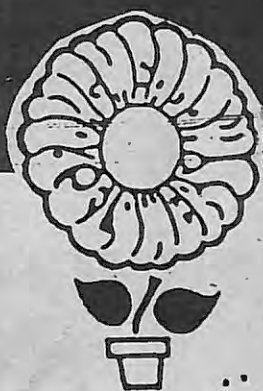
He has attended several seminars for this year's campaign and is hoping to exceed last year's contributions by actively contacting each employee. This year's theme is "Together we're building a caring community."

The United Way provides funding to 130 contributions and 18 cities throughout the Pioneer

Valley. Every contribution made by the employees reaches those who truly need help, regardless of social, cultural, or economic circumstances.

Chief Pisano is asking each town employee to make a contribution to this year's campaign. The Community United Way reminds us that our generosity is felt by thousands of children, adults, and families living and working right here in our communities.

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Melconian Files Legislation On Crime Issues

Senator Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) has announced the filing of legislation which will impose strict penalties on repeat offenders of felonious crimes and on those individuals who commit crimes inside the courthouses of Massachusetts. This legislation was filed at the petition of District Attorney William M. Bennett with the support of the Hampden County delegation of legislators.

In a combined effort to combat the escalating number of gun-related crimes, committed most often by youth gangs, Senator Melconian and DA Bennett have filed a bill imposing mandatory minimum sentences for anyone who is convicted of illegal possession of a firearm and already has had one or more prior felony convictions.

"This legislation will give prosecutors a much needed tool to attack violent offenders. Also, it will allow us to punish anyone who threatens the security of the courthouse," stated the District Attorney.

The legislation would impose additional years of incarceration for those individuals who commit certain acts of assault and battery while in or on courthouse property.

"In recent weeks, our streets and courthouses have come under siege by members of rival gangs. These public places are being used to settle grievances. More critical is that the members are often armed, and the potential for a conflict to escalate is high," said Melconian.

She continued, "Add this to the fact that the Hampden County Hall of Justice houses the criminal courts as well as the superior courts, district courts, the register of deeds, and the clerk of the probate court, where law-abiding citizens need to conduct business on a daily basis. They should not have the fear of putting their lives in danger every time they enter the courthouse."

The District Attorney added, "True and fair justice cannot be served in the criminal justice system if our judges, in addition to presiding over the cases before them, must also concern themselves with the safety of those within the courtroom."

"The message Senator Melconian and I send to the community is shared; violent conduct that has become a daily occurrence on streets throughout the Commonwealth and right here in Hampden County will not be tolerated," he concluded.



Looking Back...

Compiled and edited by
David C. Gallano

November 1973

NOVEMBER 21st - STATE PROBE ASKED IN AGAWAM BLAST

Police have called in state Treasury Department officials to investigate an explosion Tuesday night at the Red Baron Lounge on Springfield Street.

The explosion occurred near a rubbish bin in the lounge parking lot at 10:22, police said. No one was injured. Police asked Treasury Dept. aid to determine the source of the explosion.

Police believe the explosion was caused by ammunition shells, not a bomb, a spokesman said.

NOVEMBER 25th - 10-MILE BIKE PATH PROPOSED IN TOWN

Approximately 10 miles of a bicycle path may be built here, according to state Rep. Edward Connelly. The suggestion, which was brought to Connelly's attention by Councilor-elect Edmund Coffey, has received a favorable reaction from state Department of Public Works officials.

The proposed path would begin at the South End Bridge rotary and extend down River Road to Main Street. Additionally, the sidewalk along Main Street could be utilized to extend the path in a loop reconnecting with River Road via Corey Street and River Road.

NOVEMBER 26th - GASLAND REQUESTS ZONE CHANGE FOR 700 APARTMENTS

The town council will hear a petition from Gasland, Inc. tonight at a work session for a zone change to build moderate income apartments.

Some 650 to 700 apartments valued at \$18

million would be built on approximately 91 acres at Suffield and South Streets if the zone change from agriculture and Residence 2 to Residence 3 is approved, according to William J. LaMontagne, director of real estate.

The Town Council will most likely refer the petition to the Planning Board for study and recommendation. Should the Planning Board not recommend the zone change, it cannot receive further consideration from the council, according to Building Inspector Joseph Conte.

NOVEMBER 26th - TOWN GIVEN STATE OK FOR ELDERLY HOUSING PROJECT

After almost three years of bickering on both the state and local level, this town has received state approval for 64 units of housing for the elderly to be located off Haskell Street.

Phyllis Mason, executive director of the Agawam Housing Authority, said today she received word late Friday from the architect, David Murphy of Thurston-Monson Associates, that the state Department of Community Affairs has approved site plans.

A spokesman for the DCA today confirmed that state's approval of the site plans. A proposed senior citizens' center to be included in the housing project is being studied by the DCA, the spokesman said.

NOVEMBER 27th - CONTE CHARGES VIOLATION, MAY CLOSE AGAWAM DUMP

The Agawam dump at 339 Main Street may be closed if the operators fail to file for a public hearing with the Board of Appeals within 30 days, Building Inspector Joseph Conte said today.

Conte notified operator Frank Grasso and Tri-Pack Leasing, Inc. of the possible zoning violation Monday. Conte said he will seek court action if the operators fail to comply. He contends that the landfill is not town-controlled, and therefore, a public hearing is required.

He noted that the town residents can dump household trash free at Bondi's Island. The town pays \$49,000 a year according to its present contract, to dump at the Main Street site.

Regular Town Council Meeting Agenda For Monday, November 21st

1. Citizen's Speak Time
2. Roll Call
3. Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance
4. Minutes - Regular Council Meeting of 11/9/94
5. Declaration from Council President
6. Presentation of Petitions, Memorials & Remonstrances
 - (a) Resolutions
 1. TR-94-28-A Resolution Authorizing the Forma-

tion of a Charter Review Committee (Coun. Dziardziel & Thompson).

7. Report of Council Committees

8. Elections

None.

9. Public Hearings

None.

10. Old Business

(a) Orders

1. TO-94-51-Voucher List (\$13.75).

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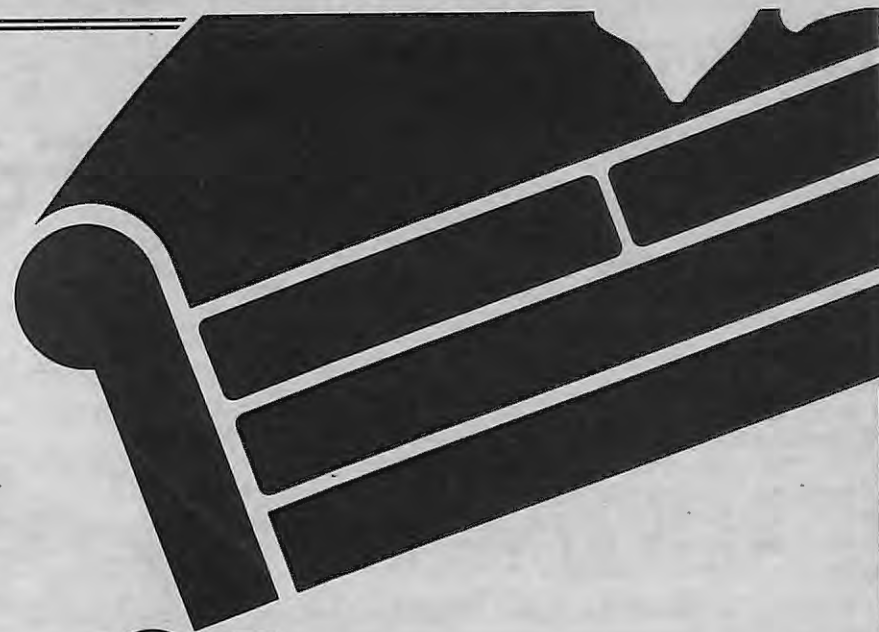
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NAVY VETERAN JESSIE D. FULLER holds a wreath on the Veteran's Green in Agawam Center during ceremonies on Veteran's Day, Friday, November 11th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Ag. Garden Club Providing Decorations For Storowton Fest

The Agawam Garden Club will showcase its talents by providing all-natural holiday decorations for one of the antique buildings at Storowton Village Museum, West Springfield, MA, for its annual event, "Yuletide at Storowton." The winter holiday festival is free to the public and takes place on December 3rd and 4th from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Donating their time, expertise, and natural materials, the club will decorate the parlor and entryway of The Gilbert Farmstead with holiday decorations using cranberry garlands and gingerbread to depict their theme of "A Natural Christmas." The local group will also create a lemon leaf swag to drape the fireplace and a lemon leaf wreath as a complimentary adornment.

Yuletide at Storowton kicks off each day with a "Winter Gift Wrapping" parade at 11:30 a.m. Adults and children alike may wrap themselves in their favorite holiday decorations, participate in a parade, and compete for prizes.

The two-day event will be filled with activities for the whole family, including tours of the beautifully decorated historic buildings; musical performances; lectures; 19th century craft demonstrations; barnyard animals to pet; a pony carousel; and a visit with Santa Claus. There will also be holiday decorations and gifts for sale as well as a Holiday Sweet Shoppe.

The whole family will enjoy the beauty of an old-fashioned holiday at Yuletide at Storowton, Storowton Village Museum's free gift to the community.

Also taking place on the Exposition grounds will be the Yuletide Miniature Show featuring doll house miniatures on December 3rd. The show will be held in the New England Center from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Show tickets are \$3 for adults, \$2 for seniors, \$1 for children, and free for children under the age of six.

For more information on Yuletide events, call the Village at (413) 787-0136 or Eastern States Exposition at (413) 737-2443.



AN HONOR GUARD FROM THE AGAWAM AMERICAN LEGION participates in Veteran's Day ceremonies on Friday, November 11th. RELATED PHOTO ON NEXT PAGE. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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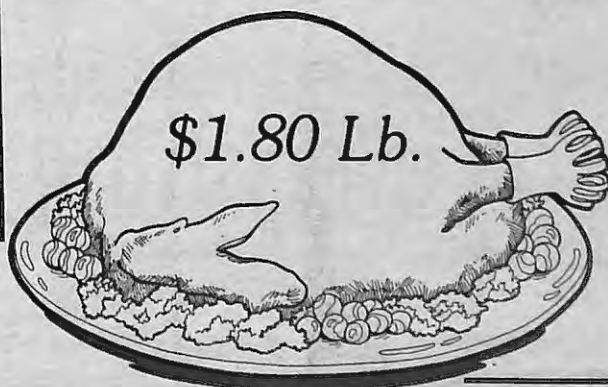


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Plans are underway for one of the most enjoyable family activities of the holiday season. Get in the holiday spirit and join the fun at the "Pancake Breakfast with Santa & Mrs. Claus."

The breakfast will be held on Sunday, December 4th, from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. at the Agawam Middle School on Main Street, and is sponsored by the Agawam Junior Women's Club. Once again, the Agawam Lions Club has offered to assist with the cooking.

Santa, Mrs. Claus, and an Elf will all be available for visits. Each child will receive a candy cane and Santa coloring page. Children can bring letters to Santa to put in Santa's Mailbox; those including a return address will receive a reply from Santa in the mail. Photos with Santa will also be available for purchase.

Tickets for the breakfast are \$3.50 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 12, and are available from any club member or by calling Ann at 786-1675 or Stephanie at 786-4578. Tickets will also be available at the door. Come and bring the whole family for some good holiday fun!

Proceeds from this event will benefit the club's community projects and donations. Canned goods will also be collected for Holiday Baskets for needy Agawam families.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs and the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Massachusetts.

Sweatshirt Party Set By Agawam Lioness

The Agawam Lionesses are having a Sweatshirt Party on November 22nd at the Captain Charles Leonard House, 663 Main Street, Agawam, from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Discount prices for namebrand sweatshirts (Polo, Champion, B.U.M. Equipment).

Great for Christmas giving. All proceeds will benefit the scholarship fund and other Lioness-sponsored charities.

For information, call 786-5134 or 786-8461. Hope to see you!

Veterans' Advocates Help With Observance



VARIOUS OFFICIALS who support the various veterans' causes in the community participated in the Annual Veteran's Day Observance on November 11th on the Veteran's Green. From left - Harold Davis, Michael Gregory (VFW), Jerry Couture, Ruth Bitzas (veteran's agent), Ed Kellogg (Veteran's Council), Ronald Hamel (Veteran's Council), and Louis Massoia (50th Anniversary of World War II Committee member). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Rebecca Roy Marries Mark Bartholomew, Jr.

Rebecca Roy and Mark Bartholomew, Jr. were united in marriage on Saturday, August 20, 1994.

The bride is the daughter of Roger Roy of West Springfield and Jeanne Roy of Chicopee.

The groom is the son of Mark Bartholomew of Enfield and Joan Lussier of Agawam.

Serving as best man was Doug Woodward, and maid-of-honor was Jean Bartholomew, sister of the groom.

The ceremony and reception took place at the home of the groom's mother.

Rebecca is attending Broms Academy in Holyoke and will graduate at the end of November. Mark is employed at Big Y Foods, Inc.

The couple has made their home in Springfield, Massachusetts.

West Side Grange To Hold Sweater Sale

As previously announced, West Springfield Grange No. 147 will hold its sixth annual sweater and bake sale on Saturday, November 19th, at the Grange Hall, located on Garden Street at Lathrop.

Sweaters in all colors, styles, and sizes will be on sale for every member of the family. The sweaters would be suitable for Christmas giving.

There will be courteous attendants ready at all times to assist in making choices and determining the correct sizes.

As before, home-baked goods will be on sale, as well as seasonal fruit and vegetables.

Come to the Hall for a warm Grange welcome. All proceeds from the sale will be used to fund the Women's Community Activities Projects for the coming year.

Ryan Drugs Accepting Gas Bill Payments

Ryan Drugs, located on Main Street in Agawam Center, today announced that Agawam and Feeding Hills residents can now pay their Bay State Gas bills during the following hours at the pharmacy - Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Ryan Drugs also accepts payments for telephone bills and Western Mass. Electric bills during the same hours.

Best hometown news...

Forastiere Family Has Grief Support

Monthly support groups designed specifically for those whose spouse has died are provided by the Forastiere Family Funeral Homes.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 22nd from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Grief Support Center, Forastiere Funeral Home of East Longmeadow, 220 North Main Street in East Longmeadow. It is on-going, 12 months a year.

There is no pre-registration, nor commitment to attend. Those wishing to participate need merely to go to the group of choice. The group is facilitated by Grief Counselor Lila Forastiere.

This support group is just one of the many programs included in the Forastiere's *OPTIONS... for a brighter tomorrow*. As part of the Forastiere Family Funeral Homes' continuous commitment to helping those who are grieving, the *OPTIONS* programs are offered to anyone in the community at no charge.

For further information, call 733-5311.

Santa Claus Will Receive Christmas Letters From Children

Once again, the Agawam Junior Women's Club is asking all good girls and boys to send their letters to Santa Claus at the North Pole. Make sure you send a stamped, self-addressed envelope along with your letter so that Santa can reply.

Santa's elves enjoy delivering your letters to Santa and Mrs. Claus, as it brings them good cheer during this joyous holiday season. To get your letter to the North Pole in time, address your envelope to **Eileen Hamre, 24 Tanglewood Lane, Feeding Hills, MA 01030-1527.**

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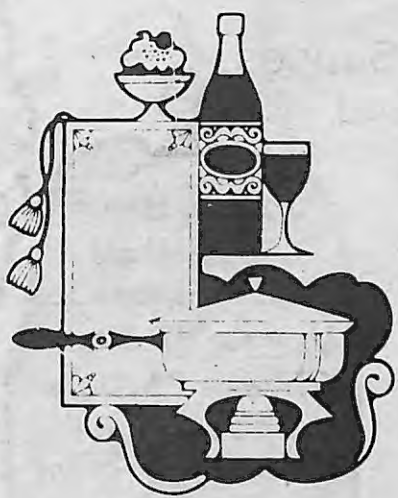
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Community Grange Holds Annual Holiday Bazaar



THE COMMUNITY GRANGE held its Annual Holiday Bazaar at the Grange Home on Saturday, November 5th. From left - Priscilla Magagnoli, Lois White, Alex Sosnowich, Hannah Binns, and Elsie Johnson. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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VETERANS OF MANY AGAWAM LIONS CLUB Pancake Breakfast are members Ed Disco (left) and Ed Judkins. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



THE BOVAT KIDS, Lynn, 7, and Laura, 9, enjoy their pancakes and sausage courtesy of the Agawam Lions Club on November 6th at the Middle School. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AGAWAM LIONESSE CLUB members, from left - Alice Olson, Rosemarie Maniscalco, Janine Bryant, and Diane Simpson helped to operate a bake sale in conjunction with the Agawam Lions Club's Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, November 6th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Agawam Rotary Club To Hold Benefit Luncheon Auction

The Agawam Rotary Club announces that a Benefit Luncheon Auction has been planned for Wednesday, December 7th, between 12:00 noon and 2:00 p.m. at Storowton Tavern, West Springfield.

Many items have been donated by Agawam Rotary members and local businesses. Prices will begin around \$15. Robert Campbell, past president of the club, will be the auctioneer.

The Rotary Club invites all to attend and have some fun and help raise money for charity. If you have an item you wish to donate (tax deductible), please call Kathy Ayre at 789-0812.

Thanksgiving Dinner Being Prepared By Open Pantry

Open Pantry Community Services, Inc., a community service agency which provides shelter, social work advocacy, daily meals, and emergency groceries to the poor and homeless, will hold its 10th annual Thanksgiving Dinner at 12:00 noon at the Springfield Civic Center on November 24th.

Anyone who would like to share in this community meal is welcome to attend, and there is no admission fee. Transportation to the Civic Center can be arranged for people unable to get there on their own.

If a ride is needed, please call 737-5354 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Any contributions of desserts (pies, cakes, and cookies) and fruit will be greatly appreciated. The food items may be dropped off at the Civic Center after 9:00 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day.

Financial donations may be sent to the Open Pantry Community Services, Inc., P.O. Box 5127, Springfield, MA 01101-5127.

We have much to be thankful for; let's share it with others.

New Year's Eve Gala At Italian Club

Again this year, the Italian Sporting Club will hold its famous "New Year's Eve Gala" for \$25 per person.

A prime beef dinner will be served in the evening and a midnight lunch, along with a DJ, party fixings, and as usual, a great night out are planned.

Tickets are limited, especially at this price. It always is a sellout, so call the club Sundays, or Monday, Wednesday, or Friday evenings.

Lions Club Serve Annual Pancake Breakfast



AGAWAM LIONS CLUB MEMBERS, from left - Pat Finck, George Fedora, Anthony Bonavita, and John Negrucci were on the serving line at the club's Annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, November 6th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



MEMBERS OF THE IACOLO family enjoy their pancake breakfast sponsored by the Agawam Lions Club on Sunday, November 6th. From left - Janine, Mario, Katelyn, and Steven Iacolo. RELATED PHOTO ON NEXT PAGE. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Steve McGuire Retires As Pack 77 Cubmaster



OUTGOING PACK 77 CUBMASTER STEVE MCGUIRE receives a plaque of appreciation from new Cubmaster Gregg Lewis (left).

Capt. Leonard House Plans Open House For This Holiday Season

The Trustees of the Captain Charles Leonard House will be holding a holiday open house on Sunday, December 4th, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Townpeople are cordially invited to stop in and enjoy the holiday hospitality and historic good cheer of the Captain Charles Leonard House, located at 663 Main Street, Agawam Center.

The musical entertainment for this holiday open house will be provided by Carolyn Holstein on the harpsichord, and Megan Kortright on the flute.



A SPECIAL CEREMONY WAS HELD for retiring Agawam Pack 77 Cubmaster Steve McGuire. Above, Steve is pictured with Pack 77.

Forest Park Zoological Society Offers "Adopt An Animal" During Holidays

Springfield's Forest Park Zoological Society offers three unique gift-giving opportunities that are especially appreciate during the holiday season. The "Adopt An Animal" program makes wonderful gifts.

The animals can be "adopted" for one full year at the Zoo in Forest Park. Adoption costs range from \$15 for smaller animals and up to \$150 for the largest of animals.

All persons adopting animals or receiving them as gifts are sent "Adoption Papers," free guest passes, and train rides at the Zoo, an Adoption Certificate, a photograph of the animal adopted and a fact sheet.

In addition, the "Adoptive Parent's" name is prominently listed on the Zoo Parents Honor Roll Plaque at the Zoo.

The Society also offers membership gift opportunities that range from \$10 for a Junior Zookeeper (age 12 to 18) to \$20 for an adult individual and \$35 for a family. All members receive guest passes, train passes, and animal food coupons.

Finally, inexpensive gifts of Zoo passes which come with an animal food coupon make great stocking stuffers, holiday card inserts, and

employee gifts. They are only \$4 for adults and \$3 for young people to age 18. The attractive passes come with a place for your gift-giving signature.

Parker Hodgman, President of the Forest Park Zoological Society, noted that animal adoptions have more than doubled during the past year. During the same period, membership in the Society has grown from 300 to over 1,100 individuals and families.

"This certainly attests to the popularity of both programs," Hodgman said. "In addition, funds are especially needed for animal care, food and veterinary care during the upcoming winter months," he noted.

These gifts will warm the heart of both the giver and the receiver knowing that so much good will result from them. For membership application forms and adoption forms, call the Forest Park Zoological Society in Springfield at (413) 733-2251.

In addition, you can write for the membership and adoption brochures. Mail your requests to the Forest Park Zoological Society, P.O. Box 80295, Springfield, MA 01138-0295.

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Even though we came up short in the vote totals, we came a long way in a few short months.

In August, when we announced our intention to move forward with the *River Belle II* Project, very few people in town knew anything about it. But now THOUSANDS of people strongly support up!

Unfortunately, Agawam's and Springfield's vote not to move forward with casino gambling at this time does not change the fact that Foxwoods and New Bedford still pose a great threat to the future of Riverside.

We remain committed to our wonderful community, and will continue as always to work hard to keep Riverside working for Agawam - even in the tough times we see ahead.

Thank you again for your support!

**Ed Carroll, Jr.
President/Riverside**



SUSAN MOCCIO & MICHAEL KRUEGER

Susan Moccio Engaged To Michael Krueger

The engagement of Miss Susan L. Moccio of Kenosha, WI, to Mr. Michael Krueger of Champlin, MN, has been announced by the parents of the bride-to-be, Mr. Leo D. Moccio of Suffield Street, Agawam, and Mrs. Bonnie J. Moccio of Westfield. Miss Moccio is the granddaughter of Alphonse and Loretta Moccio, also of Agawam.

Mr. Krueger is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Krueger of Mandan, ND.

Miss Moccio is a 1985 graduate of Westfield High School, and a 1989 graduate of Roanoke College in Salem, VA. She is employed as Director of Admissions at Carthage College in Kenosha, WI.

Mr. Krueger was graduated from Dawson County High School in Glendive, MT, and graduated from Montana State University in Bozeman, MT, in 1988. He is employed as a C.P.A. by Virchow, Krause, Helgeson & Co. of Minneapolis, MN.

A July 1, 1995 wedding is planned in Minneapolis, MN.

AHS Class Of 1984 To Hold 10-Year Reunion

The Agawam High School Class of 1984 will be holding its 10-year reunion on Saturday, November 26th, at Shaker Farms Country Club in Westfield. There will be a cocktail hour beginning at 6:30 p.m., and dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m. Choices for dinner include prime rib, chicken franchise, or baked scrod.

The cost of the event is \$25 per person. Please make checks payable to Agawam High School Class of 1984 and remit to Cathy Sheehan at P.O. Box 332, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.

If you have any questions or have information regarding the addresses of the following classmates, please call Ed Borgatti at 789-3558:

Glen Bailey, David Barna, Laurie Beaulieu, Tom Beaulieu, Cindy Bellows, Monique Birchenough, Denise Bourbonnais, Rocky Bush, Carol Chartier, Kerri Craig, Michelle Early, Kim Farrar, Susan Feil, Lea Fisher, Stephen Fisher, Carol Gasiorowski, Arden Guffey, Catherine Hallock, Keith Hollinger, Michael Judkins.

Also, Steven Lavell, Chris Macey, Pam Marganti, Lori Martinelli, Michael Martone, Edward Montagna, Marie Nahajlo, Corinne Nason, Matthew Orr, Maria Perez, Shannon Rogers, Laura Skelton, Dennis Sliach, Jeff Smith, Angelo Stack, and Timothy Therrien.

Ag. Citizens For Life To Meet Nov. 22nd

The Agawam Chapter of Mass. Citizens For Life will meet on Tuesday, November 22nd at 7:30 p.m. at the Agawam Police Station Community Room.

All are welcome.

For more information, please call 789-4117.

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Last Call Out For AHS Class Of 1974 20-Year Reunion

The 20-year reunion committee of the Agawam High School Class of 1974 is making a last call to those classmates who still wish to attend the event on Friday, November 25th, at Alexander's Restaurant in Feeding Hills.

The evening will include a social hour, dinner, and dancing. Class Advisor Larry Sheehan, who still teaches history at Agawam High School 20 years later, will be one of the guests.

If any Class of 1974 member still wishes to attend, please immediately contact any of the following reunion committee members - Donna & Mike Bodurtha, 786-4351; Sheryl Hadden Fleming, 786-7578; Laura Kibbe Moran, 786-3370; Mike Walsh, 786-4545; or Ric Sardella (789-2005, evenings/786-7747, daytime).

Italian Sporting Club To Host Supper

On December 5th at 5:00 p.m., the Italian Sporting Club will resume the "First Monday of the Month Dinners," a real deal at \$5 for a baked chicken dinner with salad and macaroni, Italian bread, and coffee.

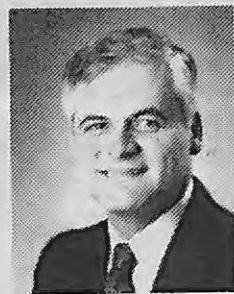
Kids are half-price. This has been a favorite family affair over the years, when groups of friends also get together and the lady of the house does not have to cook that night!

On November 20th, there will be an important "Monthly" meeting. Nomination of officers is scheduled, along with a free turkey raffle, and a vote to approve the land transfer in the backyard for the refinishing of the parking lot will be held. Members are urged to attend.

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Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

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Tuesday, November 22nd: Pork cutlet, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, Canadian oat bread, applesauce with raisins.

Wednesday, November 23rd: Chicken pot-pie (chicken, potatoes, carrots, celery), tossed salad, whole wheat bread, jello with fruit.

Thursday, November 24th: Thanksgiving Day (Senior Center closed).

Friday, November 25th: Clam chowder, baked fish, rice Pilaf, rye bread, canned peaches.

(Menu subject to change without notice.)

Bethany Assembly Of God Slates Craft Fair

Bethany Assembly of God in Agawam will sponsor a church craft fair at the Captain Leonard House, 663 Main Street, Agawam, on November 19th from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. The fair will feature Christmas-themed crafts as well as a bake sale.

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Pheasant Hill Social Club Honors Manager



LAST WEEK WE REPORTED that Sandra Lepore, rental manager of Pheasant Hill Village in Feeding Hills, received an award from Cerebral Palsy and was recognized by the Pheasant Hill Social Club. Pictured above is part of the membership that honored Sandra. Back row - Ethel Dumond, Dora Dawson, Ernest Dumond, Grace Kinney, Marilyn Roberts, Iris Scott. Front row - Roland Roberts, Ellen Hallen, Sandra Lepore, Carmela Moccio, and Beatrice Franks. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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THE PARADE OF THE BIG BALLOONS in downtown Springfield on Friday, November 25th will feature the "Cat in the Hat." The parade kicks-off at 11:00 a.m. at Springfield Technical Community College.

Children's Giving Tree Begins Gift-Giving Season On Nov. 23rd

The 11th annual Children's Giving Tree kicks off the gift-giving season with a special opening ceremony on Wednesday, November 23rd at 10:00 a.m. at The Shops at Baystate West.

Springfield Central High School's Madrigal Singers will perform Christmas carols while students from the Springfield Day Nursery and members of the Springfield Golden Age Club place the first handmade ornaments on the Tree.

Now a local tradition, the Children's Giving Tree, sponsored by the Milton Bradley Company, has provided more than 180,000 holiday presents

to disadvantaged children for the past 10 years.

Three local charities benefit from the Giving Tree; the Community United Way of Pioneer Valley, the Salvation Army Toy for Joy and the Marine Corps Toys for Tots. Representatives from each organization will join Milton Bradley Chairman George Ditomassi for the opening-day festivities.

For more information, please contact Sharon Reis at Milton Bradley Company at 525-6411, ext. 2800.

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"Cat in the Hat" One Of Giant Balloons At Downtown Parade

To commemorate the "Cat in the Hat's" return to Springfield for the 1994 "Parade of the Big Balloons," his likeness has been incorporated into the design of the souvenir sweatshirts.

With the approval of Mrs. Audrey Geisel, wife of the late Theodore Geisel (a.k.a. Dr. Seuss), the famous feline appears holding a bunch of balloons, including some of the shapes which will join him Friday, November 25th, in downtown Springfield.

The sweatshirts, white or jade, will be available Wednesday, November 16th through Friday, December 23rd in all Springfield Institutions for Savings branches, Made in America at Baystate West, or by mail order.

The cost for children's sizes two through four, six through eight, and 14-16 is \$12 and adults large and x-large are priced at \$18. For mail or telephone orders made through the Spirit of Springfield, Inc., 101 State Street, Suite 220, Springfield, MA 01103-2006 or (413) 733-3800, add \$3 for the shipping of one sweatshirt and \$1 for each additional.

Proceeds from the sale of the souvenir sweatshirts will be used to help off-set the costs of the 1994 "Parade of the Big Balloons."

In December of 1993, Esprit de Corp was granted the exclusive license to produce Dr. Seuss apparel. In February of 1994, the Spirit of Springfield received "Exception to Exclusivity" to annually sell sweatshirts incorporating the likeness of the "Cat in the Hat" for the "Parade of the Big Balloons." Restrictions include limited quantities.

Stepping-off at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, November 25th, from Springfield Technical Community College, the procession of helium giants will make its way down State Street to Main Street delivering Santa and Mrs. Claus to their temporary homes in Baystate West and SIS Center.

The 1994 "Parade of the Big Balloons," presented by the Spirit of Springfield, Inc., is sponsored by Springfield Institution for Savings and WWLP-TV22 with additional support provided by area businesses.

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Church News

"Over 60" Thanksgiving Dinner At Ag. Baptist



HAL STANTON and REV. DONALD MORRIS were part of the large crowd who attended the "Over 60" Thanksgiving Dinner at the Agawam First Baptist Church. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



ATTENDING THE "OVER 60" Thanksgiving Dinner at the Agawam First Baptist Church. From left - James & Evelyn Votzak and Joseph & Mary Ferrari. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

"Music Of Christmas" Agawam Cong. Church

"The Music of Christmas," a program of piano and organ music, will be presented on Sunday, December 4th, at 4:00 p.m. at the Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam.

Mr. Bryan Kirby, organist and choir director at the church, will play a variety of music ranging from Bach to contemporary arrangements of old favorites.

Join your friends and neighbors for this festive presentation of holiday music. Refreshments will follow.

Annual Holiday Bazaar At St. Theresa's Nov. 19th

St. Theresa's Church, 74 Bridge Street, Agawam, will be having its annual "Holiday Bazaar" this Saturday, November 19th at the Odette Benjamin Hall, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Some items which will be available are baked goods, craft items, games, and attic treasures.

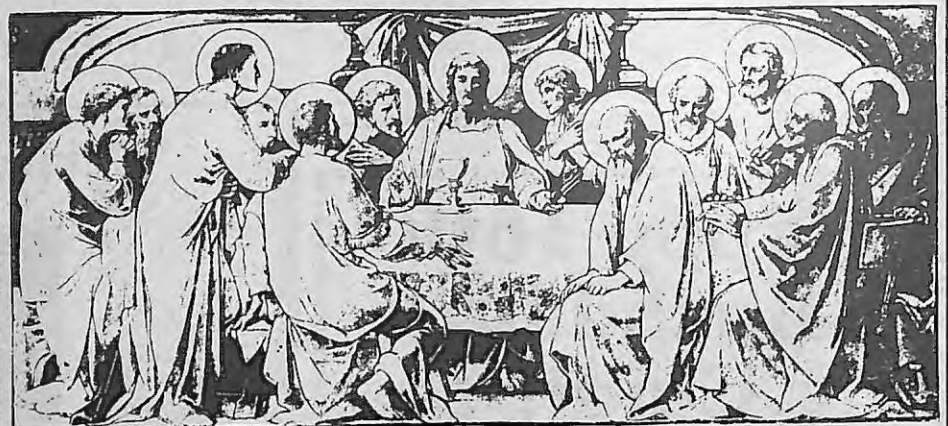
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Thanksgiving

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2 Corinthians 9:15



At St. David's Church *Praise* and *Thanksgiving* are a regular part of our daily routine; not reserved only for the holidays. By praising God continually, his many blessings are not taken for granted.

As you gather around the Thanksgiving table this year, remember to "give thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." (Ephesians 5:20)

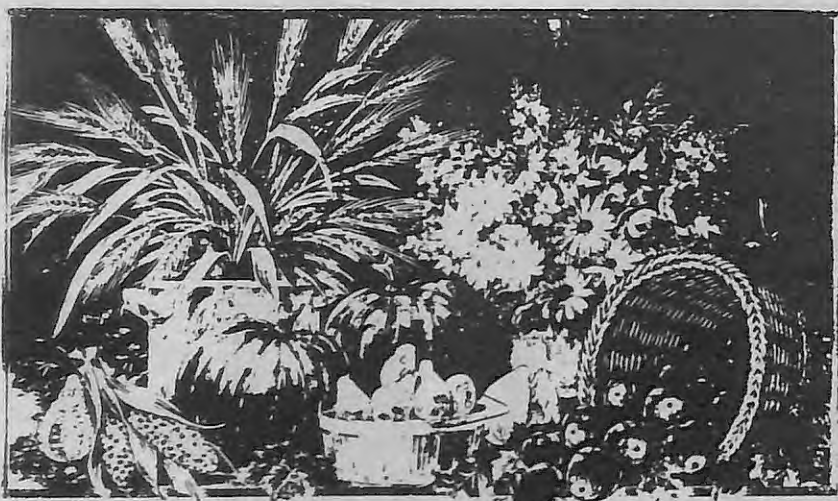
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Church News - continued...**News & Notes From F.H. Congregational**

Rev. Donaldson's sermon this week will be "The Right Decision." Please join us for worship at 10:00 a.m.

Children are invited to attend church with their parents, leaving at the appropriate time for Sunday School. Nursery care is provided.

On Thanksgiving Sunday, November 20, 1994, there will be a special canned good collection taken during worship. The Deacons would like to ask that everyone attending service on that Sunday remember to bring one canned good per family member.

The Sunday School children will collect the canned goods in baskets, which will then be placed near the altar. All food items collected will be taken to Open Pantry in special celebration of our good fortune and in recognition of those less fortunate than ourselves during this Thanksgiving season.

The Ladies Benevolent Society will meet on November 21st to make cookies for the Open Pantry Christmas Party. All ladies from the church are welcome.

Sunday School teachers are asked to attend a brief meeting in the parlor after church this Sunday.

The Youth Group blanket drive comes too close at the end of November. It is not too late to donate a blanket; cash donations are also welcome.

Thanks to all who have supported this effort!

On the calendar this week:

November 19th: Operation Friendship Ski Sale, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; 21-Plus Hayride, 8:00 p.m.

November 20th: Deacons' Canned Good Collection; Discovery Toys Display; Cub Scouts Thanksgiving Dinner, 2:00 p.m.; 21-Plus Club, 7:00 p.m.

November 21st: Ladies Benevolent Society, 1:00 p.m.

November 23rd: Sandcastle Daycare Thanksgiving Dinner, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; Girl Scouts, 2:45 p.m.; Choir, 7:00 p.m.; A.A., 8:00 p.m.

November 26th: Coffee House with David Massengill, 8:00 p.m.

Dominican Nuns Slate Family Hour Of Prayer

The monthly Hour of Prayer and Song for the families of the world will be held at the Dominican Nuns' Monastery Chapel on Sunday, November 20th, at 4:00 p.m. The public is cordially invited to attend.

The service will include the singing of Evening Prayer and the recitation of the rosary, sermon, and Benediction.

Happy 16th Birthday, Cindi!

Love,
Mom, Gram & Elise

Ag. Congregational Slates Church Bazaar & Ham And Bean Supper

The Annual Church Bazaar, "Holly Wreath Bazaar," is Saturday, November 19th, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Browse at all the different booths, including "Country Craft Shop," "Nutmeg Bakery," "Garden Gate," and "The Cutting Edge." Then, enjoy a delicious luncheon at the "Christmas Cafe" from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Hear ye, hear ye! A ham and bean supper will be held on Thursday, December 8th, at 5:00 and 6:15 p.m. The donation is \$7 for adults, \$3.50 for children under 12.

The menu will consist of ham, beans, scalloped potatoes, salad, rolls and butter, beverage (coffee, tea, or milk), and dessert.

For reservations, call Clint Warren, 786-7231, or the church office, 786-7111.

"Jingle Valley Fair" Slated At First Baptist Church On Nov. 19th

First Baptist Church, located at 760 Main Street, Agawam, will hosts its "Jingle Valley Fair" on Saturday, November 19th, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Each year, the fair presents hundreds of wonderful holiday items and gifts. Tables include The General Store, The Candy Cupboard, Grandmother's Cupboard, The Loft, Attic Treasures, The Shed, Blacksmith Shop, and The Snack Bar.

The items are too numerous to mention. You will find hand-crafted items, homemade goods and sweets, hand-made Christmas decorations, White Elephant items, fresh plants and dried flowers, and door prizes.

In addition, crafted cemetery boxes are available for \$8 apiece; they can be ordered by calling 786-8285.

As part of the "Jingle Valley Fair," there will be a Snowflake Luncheon with sittings from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. This luncheon is priced at just \$5 per person, and the menu includes Southern chicken casserole, cranberry salad, blueberry muffin, apple dessert, and beverage (coffee, tea, or milk). For advance registration for the luncheon, call 786-0337 or 786-8624.

Don't miss the "Jingle Valley Fair" ... see you there!!!

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Thanksgiving Dinner Being Provided By West Side Parish

For the 12th year in a row, the West Springfield Parish & Interfaith Association will be sponsoring a Community Thanksgiving Dinner. This year's community celebration will be held on Thanksgiving Day, November 24th, from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. at the Mittineague United Methodist Church on Amostown Road, West Springfield.

The meal is prepared and served by volunteers from Agawam, Feeding Hills, and West Springfield, and is offered to anyone from those areas who wants to be with their neighbors on this holiday. Meals are also delivered. For reservations at the church or home meal delivery, please call Carol Treganowan at 786-1912.

The event has grown from 120 meals in 1982 to 800 meals in 1993. The joy of sharing with others far outweighs the tremendous amount of preparation involved in preparing the meal.

The meal is offered without charge, and the success of this event relies solely on the contributions of money, food, and volunteer help. Due to the current state of the economy, it is asked that you think about this worthy cause. At this time, turkeys and desserts are desperately needed.

Please make checks out to:

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Donations of foodstuffs, reservations, and volunteer help may be made. For further information, call Carol Treganowan at 786-1912 or Barbara Amsden at 733-8682.

Town-Wide Thanksgiving Service Set For November 20th At St. David's Church

The member churches of the Agawam Clergy Association invite everyone to gather together for a community Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, November 20th, at 7:00 p.m. at St. David's Episcopal Church, 522 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills.

The service will be led by clergy and lay leaders from both Protestant and Roman Catholic traditions, and will include prayers, readings, hymns, and a message from the Agawam-West Springfield Open Pantry.

A choir of singers from several churches will sing, and an offering of food and money will be taken for the Open Pantry.

A light reception will follow. The public is cordially invited to attend.

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Church News - continued...



DAVID MASSENGILL

F.H. Congregational Sponsoring Concert

The One More Song Coffeehouse Concert Series, sponsored by the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, 21 North Westfield St., will present "the lyrical imagery" of David Massengill on Saturday, November 26th at 8:00 p.m.

Massengill's concert will be the second concert at the One More Song Coffeehouse. He is a singer/songwriter who sings songs based on a wide variety of experiences, including "My Name Joe," about an illegal alien, a love song called "On The Way to Fairfax Country," and the very powerful "Number One In America," which is about race relations in this country in the past 20 years.

Massengill's deep, clear voice has "character with a bit of a drawl from his Southern upbringing." Though he is a capable guitar player, most often he does not use one as he prefers to accompany himself on mountain dulcimer. The combination of Massengill's voice and the dulcimer created an "intriguing sound." To hear him play dulcimer, is to hear dulcimer at its very best.

The One More Song Coffeehouse is a smoke and alcohol-free listening place. Long, candle-lit tables surround a low, centrally located stage. Homemade snacks as well as hot and cold beverages will be available. Music ranging in style from traditional to contemporary will be presented.

Admission is \$8 at the door. For more information, call (413) 789-1750.

Ag. United Methodist's Events And Activities

Last Sunday, November 13th, saw the beginning of a response to our Every Member Canvas by the return of pledge-cards. The campaign continues as we look forward to many other responses by Sunday, November 20th.

This Sunday, November 20th, promises to be an inspiring occasion for all worshippers.

Holy Baptism will be administered as a high-point celebration during worship. Also, as a gesture of love and concern for the less-fortunate, cans of food-stuff will be presented. These will be redistributed through the Open Pantry or to those known to be in need.

A hearty welcome is extended to all.

Our worship hours are as follows:

- Divine Worship, 9:30 a.m.
 - Holy Baptism, Children's Message, and Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.
 - Song Service and Prayers, 7:00 p.m.
- Nursery care is provided.

Grace Lutheran Church To Hold Holiday Fair

Grace Lutheran Church will hold its 16th Annual Holiday Fair on December 3rd from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the church hall, 1552 Westfield Street, West Springfield.

The fair will feature local craft persons as well as traditional church shops. Interested crafters may obtain an application by calling the church office (734-9268) mornings from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Giving Thanks To God At 1st Church

Many people around the world have seen how radically a grateful heart can change one's whole outlook and experience. They've found that a willingness to focus on the God-given goodness in one's life, instead of on what one lacks, brings an understanding of how trustworthy God's omnipotence is.

As a Christian Science hymn puts it, "A grateful heart a garden is, where there is always room for every lovely, Godlike grace to come to perfect bloom." (Christian Science Hymnal, No. 3).

In this spirit of love and gratitude, the Agawam members of First Church of Christ, Scientist, Longmeadow at 916 Williams Street, Longmeadow, invite the community to join in giving thanks to God.

The service will be held on November 24th at 10:30 a.m. A special Lesson-Sermon from the Bible and from *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* by Mary Baker Eddy will be read.

This year's reading includes helpful perspectives

on gratitude, such as St. Paul's advice to the Colossians, "As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: Rooted and built up in him, and established in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving." (Colossians 2:6, 7).

And as Mary Baker Eddy points out, "To keep the commandments of our Master and follow his example, is our proper debt to him and the only worthy evidence of our gratitude for all that he has done. Outward worship is not of itself sufficient to express loyal and heartfelt gratitude, since he has said: 'If ye love me, keep my commandments.'" (Science and Health, p.4).

During the service, there will also be time for Christian Scientists to express gratitude for the ways in which they have experienced God's grace during the year. Free parking and child care for those too young to attend will be provided at the service, and no collection will be taken.

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Some Holiday Card Giving Facts From Surprise! Card & Gift

"About 50 percent of all personal mail is greeting cards," said Bob McElligott, owner of **Surprise! Card & Gift Shop**, a Hallmark Gold Crown store located at 838 Suffield Street, Agawam (Route 75 at Southgate Plaza).

According to McElligott, the projected total U.S. retail sales for greeting cards in 1994 is \$5.9 billion.

The following is a list of the top 12 card-sending holidays, as well as the number of cards expected to be given in the United States in 1994:

- 1) Christmas, 2.7 billion
- 2) Valentine's Day, 1 billion
- 3) Easter, 160 million
- 4) Mother's Day, 150 million
- 5) Father's Day, 101 million
- 6) Graduation, 81 million
- 7) Thanksgiving, 40 million
- 8) Halloween, 35 million
- 9) St. Patrick's Day, 19 million
- 10) Jewish New Year, 12 million
- 11) Hanukkah, 11 million
- 12) New Year's, 10 million

Other top card-sending days include:

Grandparents' Day, more than 4 million; Sweetest Day, 2 million; Passover, 2 million; Secretary's Day, 1.6 million; National Boss Day, 1 million; Nurse's Day, 500,000; and April Fool's Day, 500,000.

To further illustrate how the practice of card-sending goes hand in hand with the commemoration of holidays, McElligott presents the following facts and trends in relation to several holidays.

Thanksgiving (November 24th)

- * Seventh-largest card-sending occasion.
- * About 40 million Thanksgiving cards given annually.
- * More than 450 Hallmark Thanksgiving card designs.

* First Hallmark Thanksgiving card made in the early 1920's.

* Cards—a favorite way to keep in touch with family and friends across the miles.

* New offering of greeting cards, partyware, gift wrap, and home decor items to bring fall colors into the home; new die cut "turkey" beverage napkins; new decorated basket with "Elegant Leaves" napkins matches partyware.

Hanukkah (November 28th—December 5th)

- * Also known as "Festival of Lights."
- * Celebrates a miracle in Jewish history.
- * Eleventh-largest card-sending occasion in the United States.

* More than 11 million Hanukkah cards exchanged annually.

* 126 different Hallmark Hanukkah card designs.

* First Hallmark Hanukkah card made in the 1940's.

* New contemporary Hanukkah specialty item



BOB & BARBARA MCELLIGOTT are the proud owners and operators of **Surprise! Card & Gift** in the Southgate Shopping Plaza, Suffield Street, Agawam. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

designs feature bright colors and stylized art; partyware, treat sacks, table cover, handle bags, wrapping paper, stickers, "Star of David" garland, decorative cut-outs, and invitations.

- * Cards feature art by famous Jewish artists.
- * Humorous Shoebox cards.
- * Menorah activity card for children.

Christmas (December 25th)

* Largest card-sending holiday in United States.

* More than 2.7 billion Christmas cards exchanged annually in the United States.

* First Christmas card made in 1843.

* First Hallmark Christmas card made in 1915.

* More than 2,500 Hallmark Christmas card designs.

* Average household sends and receives 28 cards and wraps 30 gifts.

* Boxed Christmas Card Complements—rubber stamps, ink pads, scented tissue tuck-ins, seals, pens, and cardfetti.

* Ethnic cards; Primos or Spanish Speaking; Mahogany for African-Americans.

* Regional boxed cards tailored to specific locales, tastes, and interests; die-cut cowboy boot for west, sunbathing dog for southern coasts, maple syrup trees for northeast, Santa in New York traffic, etc.

* Special Value Offering—five additional in all

boxed cards priced under \$10.

* Six-card value packs of Shoebox cards.

* Recordable Greetings, Long-Distance Greetings, Personalize it! computer-generated cards, musical cards, 3-D Sensations cards and puzzles, cards with gifts.

* New "3-D Sensations" stereogram puzzles; Star Trek Keepsake Ornaments and Merry Olde Santa designs; feature 1995 designs.

Kwanzaa (December 26th—January 1st)

* Created in 1966 by Dr. Maulana Ron Karenga, chairman of black studies at California State University.

* Celebrated by more than five-million African-Americans.

* Twelve Hallmark Kwanzaa card designs and messages with artwork of Harlem Textile Works™ (HTW), a non-profit organization in Harlem, New York.

* First Hallmark Kwanzaa card made in 1992.

New Year's Day (January 1st)

* Oldest and most universal holiday.

* Twelfth-largest card-sending occasion in the United States.

* More than 10 million New Year's Day cards exchanged each year.

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THE SMILING EMPLOYEES of Surprise! Card & Gift Shoppe in Agawam, from left - Maria Burrows, Deb Yackel, and Betty Guilbert. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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* More than 80 Hallmark New Year's Day card designs and messages.

* First Hallmark New Year's Day card made in 1915.

Americans exchange 7.4 billion greeting cards annually, and Hallmark Cards, Inc., is the world's largest greeting card company. Products are published in more than 20 languages and distributed in more than 100 countries.

Hallmark employs the world's largest creative staff—about 665 people. These artists, designers, stylists, writers, editors, and photographers create more than 21,000 greeting card designs and 9,000 related product designs annually.

Hallmark was founded in 1910 by Joyce C. Hall. Today Hallmark has 44 percent of the market share and annual sales of nearly \$3.1 billion. Hallmark serves about 10,000 specialty stores, most of them individually owned (like Bob McElligott's **Surprise! Card & Gift Shop** in Agawam). More than 5,000 of those stores—including **Surprise!**—have achieved Gold Crown standards of excellence.

The Hallmark Card Shop began in the 1950's when shopping centers appeared. This network of privately owned stores has evolved to service nearly 50 years of social, demographic, and economic change.



RAYMOND ROSE (left), Area Sales Manager of Bristol Mortgage Corporation (a member of the First Federal Bank system), presented a Home-Buyer's Seminar at Kent Memorial Library in Suffield on Saturday, October 29th. Pictured above with Rose is Brian Banek, the Broker/Owner of Suffield's Realty Services Group (RSG Realty), which sponsored the seminar. Advertiser News photo by Joan Lussier.

Raymond Rose Presents Mortgage Seminar

Suffield: "This was the best thing I ever did," stated a member of the audience after the conclusion of the special Home-Buyer's Seminar which took place at the auditorium in the Kent Memorial Library in Suffield, Saturday, October 29th.

In front of a filled house, noted speaker and local banker Raymond Rose spoke for two hours on how simple it is for someone to stop renting and start owning their own home using little or none of their own money, and how to have a mortgage payment as low as their rent payment.

Most of the crowd was in disbelief when Rose told them of the many federal government loan programs that are currently available to help today's homebuyers. "People have been programmed to believe that they need a lot of money to go

out and buy a home... but that's simply not true," stated Rose.

"Bristol Mortgage Corporation, a member of the First Federal Bank system (of which Rose is the Area Sales Manager), is a direct lender and direct endorser for a wide variety of mortgage programs that many other banks do not have available."

Brian Banek, the Broker/Owner of Realty Services Group (RSG Realty) of Suffield, which sponsored the event, commented that the seminar was a huge success, and that they would continue to

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Take This Test On Your Debt

For some people, credit cards give them permission from the company that issues them to buy things that they **don't need** now ... at prices that they **can't afford** now ... with money that they **don't have** now.

To defend yourself if your credit card debts are excessive, pay all your cards off as soon as you can. Then start using the credit card companies' money free each month. Buy only things that you could purchase with cash and pay each bill in full when you receive it.

I've listed below a test that you can take to tell if you've been playing the credit card companies' games at stakes that you can't afford...

- () You don't know how much consumer debt you owe, and you're afraid to add it all up.
- () You hide the bills from your spouse until "the time is right"
- () You pay only the minimum, or less, on your cards each month
- () You juggle other bills to keep up with the minimum payments
- () You've reached the credit limits on all of your charge cards
- () You borrow for items that you once bought with cash
- () The portion of your income used to pay debts is rising
- () You are increasing debt based on expected income increases
- () You no longer contribute to a savings account, or you have no savings
- () You are usually late paying some or all of your bills
- () This month's credit balances are usually higher than last month's
- () You borrow money to pay for regular household expenses
- () You borrowed money from a new source to pay an older, overdue debt
- () You've applied for more credit cards to increase your borrowing
- () In the past year, you have significantly increased your credit cards
- () You have drawn from savings to pay regular monthly bills
- () You don't have an emergency fund to cover three to six months' expenses
- () Your emergency fund is less than your short term debt
- () Creditors are sending overdue notices
- () You postdate checks so they won't bounce
- () You hurry to the bank on payday to cover checks already written
- () You use cash advances from one card to make payments on another
- () Life without credit cards is unthinkable

NAMES AND NOTES

A very special birthday note goes to my son, Michael ... Here's wishing you the very best during the upcoming year! I love you and I'm so very proud of you! Pop.

The best way to water hanging plants is to place a few ice cubes on top of the soil. As the ice melts, water trickles into the soil, avoiding spillage.

Be different ... wear your name tag on your right side at conferences and seminars ... Most people wear them on the left ... but when you shake hands with someone, your line of sight naturally travels to the other person's right side. Wearing a badge on the right makes it easier for people to learn your name.

Last week's quote was penned by Joel Barker, and not Nancy Viggiano as some thought. Sorry for the confusion.

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GEORGE & GREEN REAL ESTATE, headquartered in Agawam Center, recognized Nelson "Skip" Paige as top listing agent for October (left), while John Duggan was named as a new associate by office Manager Chet Kasperek. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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sponsor these seminars on a regular basis. Thus, if you or someone you know has always had the dream to someday own their own home but thought that they wouldn't qualify for a mortgage, have them call RSG Realty and get the date for their next seminar, or call Raymond Rose at the bank. His number is 1-800-331-0880. Or stop in at his office. It's located in the center of Suffield,

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Bobby's Lounge Celebrates 1-Year Anniversary



PLAYING A GAME OF BILLIARDS at Bobby's Lounge on the evening of the one-year anniversary celebration are Bob D'Amario and Herb Woehle. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



THREE GOOD REASONS why Bobby's Lounge in the Southgate Shopping Plaza has enjoyed a great first year in business are, from left - Corey Fisher, Clare DeCosmo, and Ted DeCosmo. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Please remember that Jack Devine needs at least 48 hours notice to cover your event. Call Jack at 789-0053.



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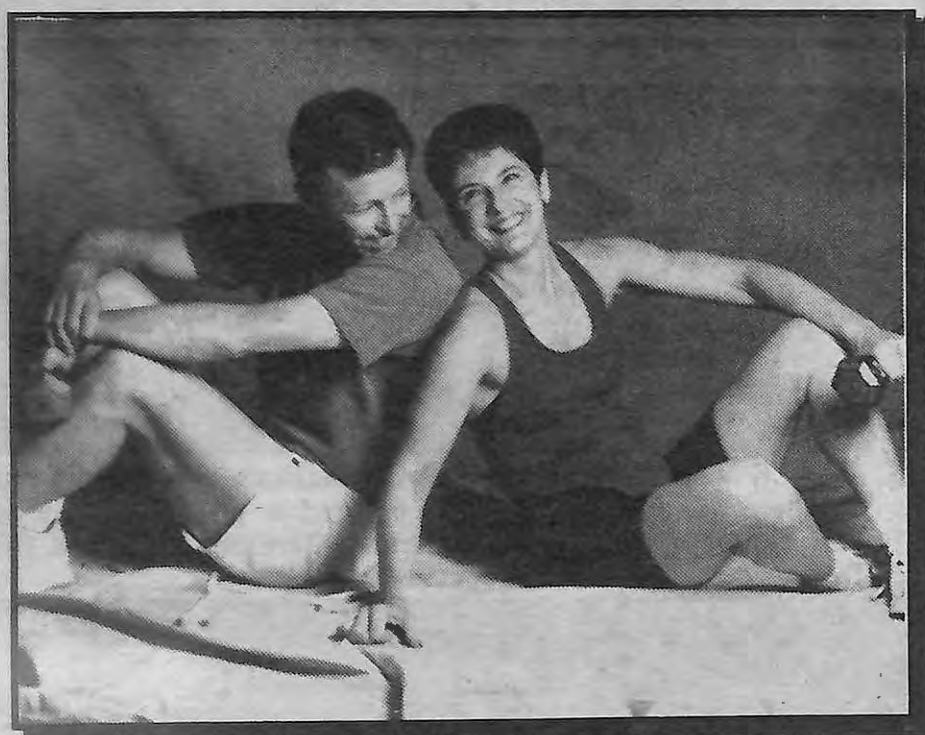
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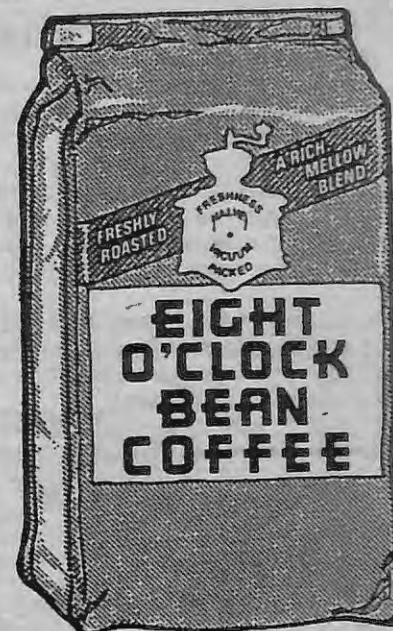
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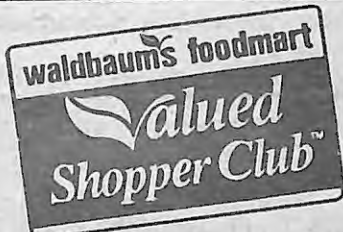


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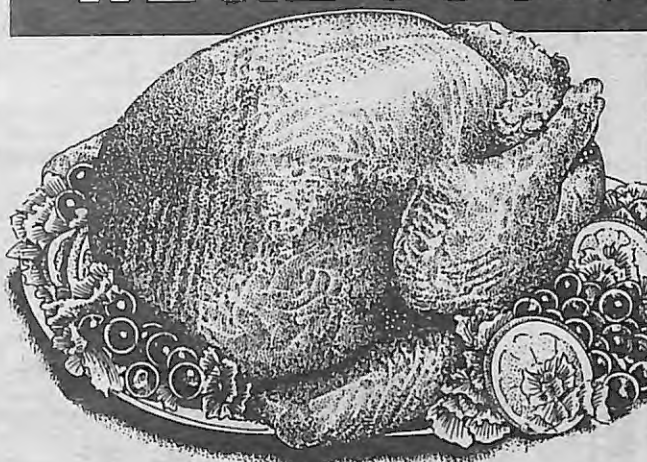
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Food for Thought

by Nancy Dell
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Healthy Holiday Baking

Many Americans gain seven pounds between Thanksgiving and Christmas. That's equal to adding 28 sticks of butter's worth of fat to your body.

Much of the extra fat comes from indulging in rich desserts. But you can bake to your heart's delight and keep the fat under control. Simply keep your portions reasonable and put your recipes for cakes, cookies, and quick breads on a diet.

Here's a dozen ways to cut the fat and boost the nutrients in your favorite holiday goodies.

1. Cut fat to 2 tablespoons per cup of grains (like flour, oats, or cornmeal).
2. Add yogurt, applesauce, fruits, or vegetables instead of all or some of the fat in cakes and quick breads. Try mashed bananas, apples, pears, or sweet potatoes; canned pumpkin or squash; shredded zucchini or carrots.
3. Substitute whole milk with skim or buttermilk.
4. Substitute 1 cup of hard fat with $\frac{3}{4}$ cup of oil in cakes and quick breads. Then reduce fat as in Step 1.
5. Substitute 1 ounce of unsweetened chocolate with 3 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa.
6. Reduce or eliminate fat in commercial mixes. Then see Step 2.
7. Use lowfat whipped cream: Whip well-chilled evaporated milk. Or whip $\frac{1}{3}$ cup heavy cream until stiff. Fold in $\frac{2}{3}$ cup nonfat yogurt.
8. Substitute frosting with glaze or a dusting of confectionary sugar or fruit topping. Boiled frostings often use no fat.
9. Make frosting with lite cream cheese instead of butter or margarine.
10. Melt a scoop of canned lite frosting in the microwave for 15 seconds. Drizzle it over cake.
11. Use $\frac{1}{4}$ cup lowfat egg substitute or 2 egg whites for 1 egg. When the recipe calls for 2 eggs, use 1 egg and 2 whites.
12. Substitute half the white flour with whole wheat flour.

A client told me she successfully replaced a non-fat margarine for full-fat margarine in oatmeal cookies. Surprise! The package says, "not to be used in baking." You never know what works. So, don't be afraid to experiment your way to healthier holidays.

Meeting Slated For Vestibular Disorders Support Group

Persons with balance disorders are invited to attend the monthly meeting of the Vestibular Disorders Support Group, sponsored by the Weldon Center for Rehabilitation at Mercy Hospital. The next meeting is November 30th at 7:00 p.m. in the Deliso Conference Center at the hospital.

The group is open to those suffering from chronic dizziness associated with disorders including Meniere's Disease, Acoustic Neuroma, Perilymph Fistula (PLF), Bilateral Paroxysmal Positional Nystagmus (BPPN), Endolymphatic Hydrops, Trigeminal Neuralgia, and Labyrinthitis.

Family and friends are also welcome. Meetings are conducted on the last Wednesday of each month, and are free of charge.

For further information, call Lois Osetek, M.S., CCC/A, at (413) 748-6840.

La Leche League Has Breastfeeding Help For New Moms

Mothers who wish to breastfeed their babies will find encouragement and information at the West Springfield-Agawam La Leche League.

The next meeting is Monday, November 21st, at 7:30 p.m., at the Grace Lutheran Church, Westfield Street, West Springfield. Nursing babies are welcome.

The League offers mother-to-mother help at its monthly meetings based on the book "The Womanly Art of Breastfeeding."

The meeting discussions include the latest medical research, as well as personal experience. Other services include a lending library of books on childbirth, child care, breastfeeding, and nutrition.

For further information, call Jeanne at 739-7923 or Teresa at 734-5922.

Agawam Health Dept. To Hold Influenza Clinic On Nov. 22nd

The Agawam Health Department has scheduled an influenza clinic at the Danahy Schoolhouse, Maple Street, on Tuesday, November 22nd, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

The influenza vaccine will be administered free of charge to persons 65 years of age and over or if you have chronic conditions such as heart disease, asthma, emphysema, bronchitis, chronic kidney disease, or diabetes.

Making Decisions On Cancer Treatments At Providence Hosp.

Providence Hospital and the American Cancer Society are co-sponsoring a presentation entitled "Taking Control of Medical Decision-Making During Cancer," November 28th at 7:00 p.m. in the hospital auditorium.

Guest speaker Catherine J. Jones, B.A., J.D., LL.M., will explore the legal foundations which give decision-making authority to the cancer patient. Jones will review case law and legal doctrines outlining the boundaries of choosing whether or not to accept medications or treatments.

A question and answer period will follow the program.

Jones, a law professor at Western New England College since 1981, holds a bachelor's degree from Gettysburg College, a jurist doctorate from Georgetown University Law Center, and a master of legal letters from Yale Law School.

The program is free and open to the public. No registration is necessary.

For more information, contact Sr. Madeleine Joy, S.P., at 536-5111.

Dr. Tami Nelson Helping Charity

In the true spirit of giving, Hampden County Chiropractic will be closing early Wednesday, November 23rd so that Dr. Tami Nelson and her staff may give to those less fortunate than themselves by serving Thanksgiving dinner and warm smiles to the homeless at the Springfield Rescue Mission.

Also, their office will be doing a "Holiday Food Match." Anyone wanting to give to this worthy cause may do so by dropping off non-perishable food items or toiletries (travel size, if possible, as they are more easily distributed) to Hampden County Chiropractic, 850 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA.

Suggested food items include tuna fish, soups, peanut butter, dry cereals, coffee, tea, beans, and spam; toiletries: shaving cream, toothpaste, deodorants, shampoo, soap.

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MARY ANN SPARVERI

Mary Ann Sparveri Receives Certification As Medical Assistant

Mary Ann Sparveri earned the prestigious Certified Medical Assistant (CMA) credential by passing the June 24, 1994 American Association of Medical Assistants' Certification Examination.

Mary Ann is a graduate of the medical assisting program at Springfield Technical Community College in Springfield and is employed by Dr. Eugene F. Boss in Springfield.

She was President of her class; a Dean's List student throughout her schooling and was represented in the 1992-93 and 1993-94 editions of The National Dean's List publication; has been elected to *Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges*; was inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa Society International Scholastic Order; and was presented with the National Collegiate Medical Professions Award.

The Certification Examination, administered by AAMA's Certifying Board, tests clinical and administrative knowledge needed for competent medical assisting practice.

Although medical assistants are employed in a wide range of health care delivery settings, medical assistants are the only allied health practitioners trained specifically for the physician's office.

There are over one-million medical assistants working in the United States. According to the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, medical assisting is projected to be one of the fastest growing occupations through the year 2000.

The American Association of Medical Assistants is a professional association headquartered in Chicago, Illinois. In addition to sponsoring the Certification Examination, the AAMA provides continuing education programs and other benefits for medical assistants.

Free Hearing Tests At Mercy Hospital

Mercy Hospital's Weldon Mobile Hearing Center will provide free hearing screenings and hearing aid checks at Providence Hospital November 30th, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Full diagnostic hearing tests, evaluations, fittings, sales and service of hearing aids and assistive listening devices can also be scheduled on a fee-for-service basis.

The hearing van's audiology equipment is operated by nationally certified audiologists from the Weldon Hearing Center.

Appointments for the free screenings and hearing aid checks are limited; call 539-2861 for a reservation.

Mercy Hospital Slates Mtg. For Spinal Cord Injury Support Group

The Weldon Center for Rehabilitation at Mercy Hospital will conduct its monthly Spinal Cord Injury Support Group meeting on November 30th at 7:00 p.m. in the Deliso Conference Center at the hospital.

All spinal cord injury survivors, their families, and friends are welcome to attend this free meeting.

For more information, contact Maggie Wynne, M.S.W., at (413) 748-6892.

Stroke Support Group To Meet At Mercy Hospital In Springfield

The Stroke Support Group, sponsored by the Weldon Center for Rehabilitation at Mercy Hospital, will conduct its monthly meeting on November 28th, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., in the Deliso Conference Center at the hospital.

The group provides an opportunity for persons who have had a stroke and their families to meet. This community service is offered at no charge.

For more information, call the Weldon Center for Rehabilitation, (413) 748-6800.

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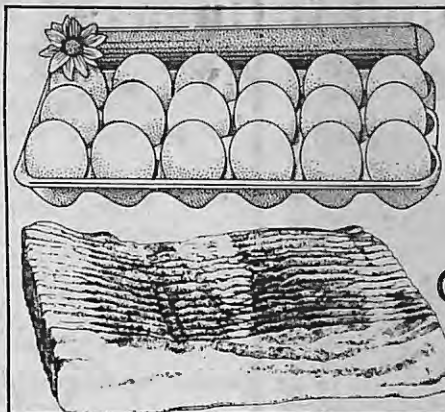
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Arts

Hilltop Players To Stage Two Hilarious Holiday Plays

The Hilltop Players Family Theatre is living up to its title of "family theatre" in their next undertaking at The Red Door Theatre.

The local community theatre group will involve over 40 local performers in their upcoming holiday presentation, and over half of them are parents and children of various families.

Following on the heels of their successful and sold-out production of "The Sound of Music," The Hilltop Players will present an evening of two hilarious holiday plays: "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" by Barbara Robinson, and "Christmas In The Land Of Oz" by Tamara Tudor.

The cast includes father and daughter, Larry and Adrienne Morell of Westfield; mother and daughter, Darcy and Megan Banks of Granville; and DeeGee and Tiffany Blackman of Feeding Hills; family members Debbie, Jessie, and Kassia Randzio of Southwick, and Susan, Austin, Emily, and Travis Allen of Suffield.

In addition, the following brother/sister teams will take part in this production: Jeremy and Ashley Boettcher of Feeding Hills; Tyler and Jaime Pearsons of Suffield; sisters Bridgette and Katelyn Salvon of Southwick; Jodie and Kristen Pfau of Feeding Hills; Alison and Leanne Crowley of Suffield; Kristyn, Kara, and Katie Lewantowicz of Springfield; brothers John and Jacob Tackett of Westfield; and Tom and Daniel Szweczyk, with sister Jessica from Enfield.

Both plays will be presented each evening for one weekend only: Friday, December 2nd, at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, December 3rd, at 7:30 p.m.; and on Sunday, December 4th, for a 2:00 p.m. matinee.

The 130-seat, intimate theatre is located at 152 South Westfield Street in Feeding Hills on the campus of the Valley Community Church Congregational.

Tickets are only \$5, but reservations are strongly recommended and may be made by calling (413) 789-2026.

STAGE Concludes Another Children's Show



STAGE closed the curtain on their children's theatre production of "The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe" at the Red Door Theatre. Pictured above are cast members: front row - Phil Wood, Megan O'Neill, Nicole Messmer, and Justin O'Neill; back row - Jaime Pearsons, Gina Bacchiocchi, Scott Belisle, Katie Lewantowicz, and Tyler Pearsons. For further STAGE camp info, call (413) 569-0318 or (213) 668-0858.

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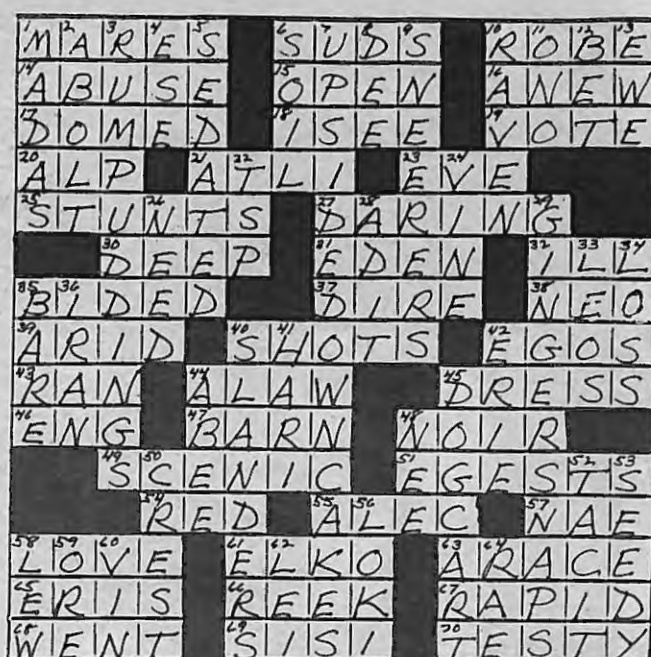
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The Westfield Theatre Group is a Division of the Westfield Woman's Club
This show is supported in part by the Westfield Arts Council, a local agency, the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, and the National Endowment for the Arts.

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5 Particles
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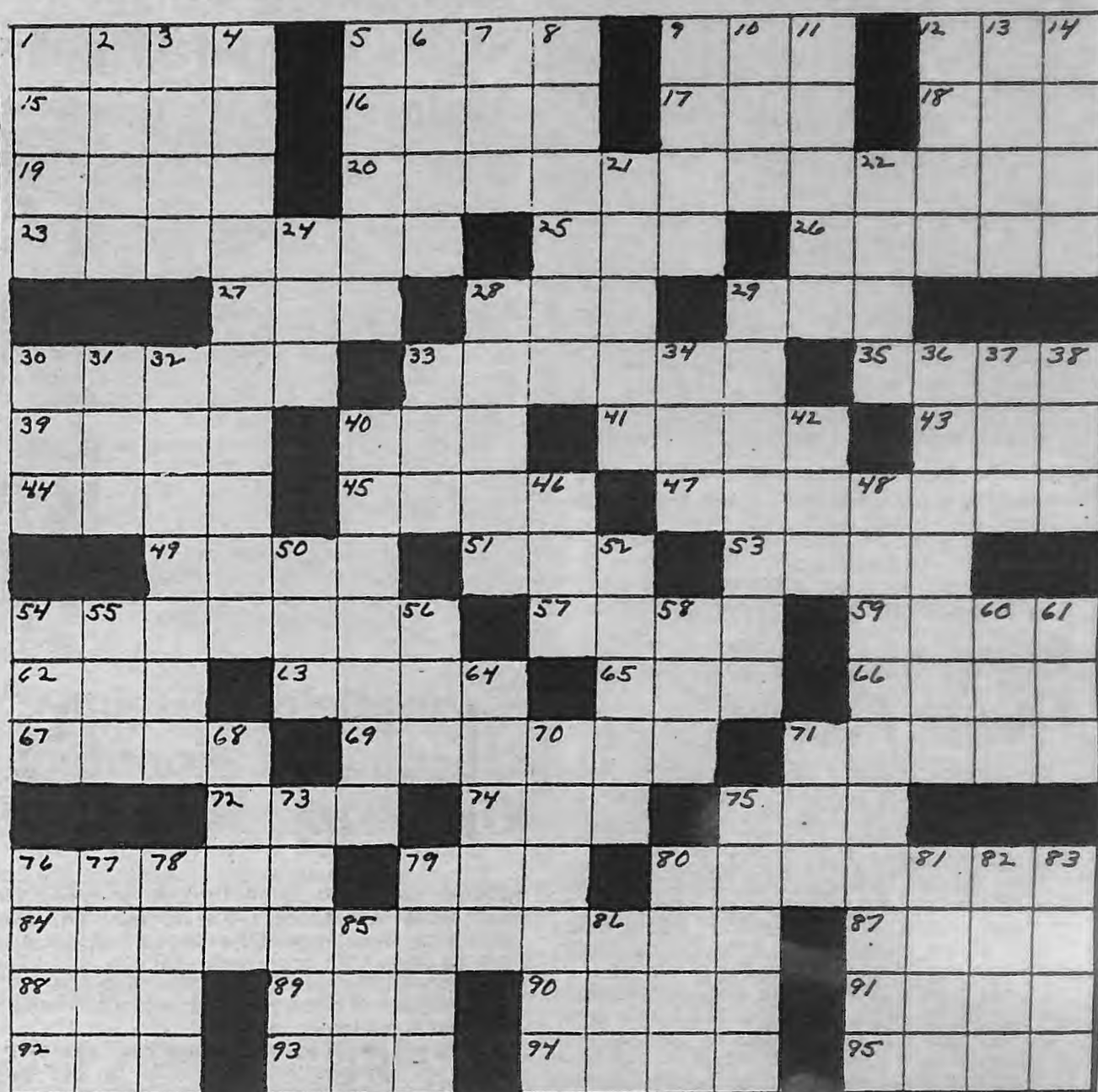
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74 Empire (abbr.)
75 The sun
76 Scary
79 Singleton
80 Bradshaw once
84 Fat and skinny team
87 Ocean movement
88 Child's game
89 "Eric the -"
90 Tardy
91 "--- the Great"
92 Overhead trains
93 Streets (abbr.)
94 Rung
95 Type of box

DOWN

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2 Hartebeest
3 "--- for all seasons"
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5 Introduction informal-ly
6 "--- and ahs"
7 "--- Wester" (storm)
8 Scoffs at
9 Come in last
10 Mrs. Nixon
11 Bend over
12 Labels
13 Assist a yegg
14 Eliot of the Feds
21 Expunge
22 Three to an inning
24 French summer
28 Recorded
29 Attack

MEET THE MASTER - by Dick Mastroianni



- 30 Distress initials
31 Menlo Park inventor
32 Canadian Indians
33 Hit (slang)
34 Globe
36 More irritable
37 Noah's craft
38 Golfer's starting point
40 Take a nap
42 Editor (abbr.)
46 Kanga follower
48 Dean's partner once
50 Wire measure
52 "F. ---" (TV series)
54 "Women's ---"

- 55 Spanish gold
56 Airport abbr.
58 "--- Arbor, MI"
60 Victory sign
61 Second postscript
64 Pool member
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LAURA SCANTLEN and JOHN DION rehearse a scene from the Encore Players production of *Crossing Delancey*.

Crossing Delancey Being Staged By Encore Players

The Encore Players will present "Crossing Delancey" by Susan Sandler on December 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 8th, 9th, 10th, and 11th in the Lower Theater of St. Luke's Church, 961 St. James Avenue, Springfield (near Serv-U).

Under the direction of George Dawson, the cast is comprised of Laura Scantlen of Agawam as Izzy; Mimi Tanne as grandmother Bubbi; Mary Treiber as the matchmaker; John Dion as Tyler; and Steve Henderson as Sam the pickle man.

This is a delightfully warm and unpretentious love story told with great humor and tenderness.

Curtain is at 8:00 p.m., except for the matinees which are at 2:00 p.m. Tickets range in price from \$6 to \$8, and are available at The Golden Peacock (corner of White Street and Sumner Avenue, Springfield).

Due to limited seating, advance ticket purchase is recommended. Preferred seating is available only to subscribers or the handicapped.

For information, call 533-6720 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

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Storowton Village Slates Annual Winter Holiday Festival

The dates have been set for Storowton Village Museum's annual Winter Holiday Festival, "Yuletide at Storowton," which takes place December 3rd and 4th, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., in the historic Village. The festival is free and open to the public.

Storowton Village will be transformed into a wonderland of winter delights, including beautifully decorated buildings, festive musical performances, storytelling, carolling, and other holiday activities. The Village's Early American charm will provide a unique background for families to celebrate the yuletide season.

Holiday treats just for children will also be a part of the annual event. Children can visit Santa in Storowton's Red Barn, pet farm animals, and ride a live pony during the holiday festivities in the Village.

Storowton Village Museum is located on the grounds of Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield. For more information, call Storowton Village Museum at (413) 787-0136.

Springfield Museums Opening At Noontime On Friday, Nov. 25th

The four museums at the Quadrangle (the Springfield Science Museum, the George Walter Vincent Smith Art Museum, the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum, and the Museum of Fine Arts) will be open from noon until 4:00 p.m. on Friday, November 25th, the day after Thanksgiving.

Admission is free on Fridays with a current Springfield City Library card.

Several special activities have been planned:

At the Science Museum: 1:00 & 2:00 p.m. - planetarium program: *Sky Show*; tickets, \$1; 2:30 p.m. - science demonstration; at the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum: 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. - Children's Craft Workshop: Make your own pierced tin holiday ornaments, ages six through 12, ongoing 20-minute sessions; \$1.25 materials fee; held in the education building across the driveway from the museum.

The museums are located at the Quadrangle on the corner of State and Chestnut Streets in downtown Springfield. Hours are Thursday through Sunday, noon to 4:00 p.m. Admission is \$4 for adults, \$1 for children six through 18, free for children under six and members.

Fridays are free with a current Springfield City Library card. The single admission fee provides entry to all four museums at the Quadrangle.

For information, call (413) 739-3871.



GENEVIEVE ROSE

Genevieve Rose To Perform With Big Band At Symphony Hall

Genevieve Rose, a 17 year-old Agawam High School senior and a string bassist for The Valley Swing Shift (a Connecticut-based professional big band), will perform at Symphony Hall in Springfield on Sunday, November 20th, at 3:00 p.m.

This special benefit performance for the Pioneer Valley USO is a recreation of the 1940's USO/Hollywood Canteen. The two-hour stage show, hosted by Brad Davis, features The Valley Swing Shift, Peter Harvey, and "famous stars" such as Judy Garland, Ella Fitzgerald, The Andrews Sisters, Jack Benny, Bill "Bojangles" Robinson, and more who'll "drop in" to lend their talents to the war effort!

The popular Valley Swing Shift's USO Show has been enthusiastically received by Connecticut audiences, including a recent performance at La Renaissance in East Windsor, Connecticut.

Future shows include the Warner Theatre in Torrington, Connecticut, on Friday, November 25th, and a performance at the Bushnell in Hartford, Connecticut, next spring.

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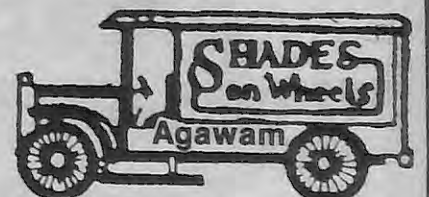
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*Vietnam Vets, you're the real heroes here,
You belong right beside us, in this gala of cheer;
Your welcome has been too long held at bay,
Join together with us, this is your long lost day;*

*Your war was horrendous, and lasted so long,
And you weren't welcomed back, with praises and song;
Well, we want all Americans, all over this Nation,
To salute Vietnam Veterans in this great celebration;*

*You've waited too long to hear the voice of the crowd,
Sing your praises for valor, of which we're so proud;
You're the patriots of peace, who went before us to war,
You gave all you had, some gave even more;*

*This is your welcome, too, such a long time delayed,
Let's show them we're proud of the part that they played;
We honor all the Veterans, down through all of the ages,
Our "Sentinels of Peace," will be etched on Life's Pages;*

*We give thanks to our heroes of every generation,
For protecting and maintaining the peace of our Nation;
So, raise the flag high, o'er a proud marching band,
And spread ecstasy and elation, all over this land.*

Sentinels Of America's Freedom & Liberty

*With marching band, we sent them to war,
To keep the enemy away from our shore;
They fought our battles, and stilled the strife,
Many were maimed, some gave their life;*

*We must never forget the freedom they won,
And the feats of bravery, honorably done;
The peace and security, they brought to our land,
When they answered the call of our Army's command;*

*We must revere and esteem them, all of their days,
And in honor and glory, give them our praise;
The Veterans protected us throughout all the ages,
Shielding our land from the wars' hostile rages;*

*Now, we must show them in a magnanimous way,
Our feelings of gratitude on their own special day;
We owe them our lives for a Country that's free,
They fought for our peace, o'er the land and the sea;*

*This Nation is still our Maker's Domain,
And the homes of the Veterans must ever remain;
They've more than earned the fruits of the past,
We must let them rest on their laurels, at last;*

*So, to all the Veterans from all of the ages,
Recorded in America's historical pages;
Raise the flag high o'er a proud marching band,
In veneration of our Veterans, for a free, peaceful land.*

WRITER'S NOTE: Composed with the love, honor, and respect I hold in my heart, for all of the Veterans of all the ages, who secured and maintained the peace and freedom of our great nation, America, "The land of the free, and the home of the Brave."

May the Lord always abide,
Very close by their side.



DICK SULLIVAN as Felix Unger and Bern Larsen as Oscar Madison in a scene from *The Odd Couple*, now being performed by the Westfield Theatre Group.

Final Weekend For *The Odd Couple*

This is your final chance to see the Westfield Theatre Group's production of Neil Simon's *The Odd Couple*. Show dates are November 18th and 19th with curtain time at 8:00 p.m., with a special matinee on November 19th at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are still available for all performances, and can be reserved by calling 572-6838.

The show opened early this month, and once again, the Westfield Theatre Group has put on a wonderful performance. The show portrays the life of Oscar Madison and Felix Unger, two long-time friends who suddenly find themselves sharing an apartment. There are hilarity, tears, and some very touching moments. The cast has done an outstanding job, and director Allan Millette should be commended for a job well done.

The entire Westfield Theatre Group should be praised for a superb job, both on stage and off. Once again they have given the audience a chance to see community theatre at its best.

This show is supported in part by The Westfield Arts Council (a local agency), The Massachusetts Cultural Council (a state agency), and The National Endowment for the Arts.

Take the time this weekend to see the Westfield Theatre Group's production of *The Odd Couple*. It will be well worth the trip.

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Victorian Concert At Springfield Library

The American Vocal Arts Quintet will perform a free concert, "Christmas in the Nineteenth Century," on Wednesday, November 30th, beginning at the Springfield City Library, 220 State Street. The event is part of the Springfield Library & Museums' Victorian Holiday celebration.

The program will include both European and American holiday songs that were popular during the Victorian era, many of which are still favorites today and some of which are lesser known.

Dedicated to the art of ensemble singing, the Boston-based group has performed in professional theatres, colleges, and concert series throughout the Northeast. In addition, its members have performed as soloists with such prestigious orchestras as the Boston Symphony, the Pittsburgh Symphony, and the Shinsei Nippon Symphony (in Japan).

This free concert has been made possible through funding from the Rose Smith Endowment and the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

Free parking is available in the Library & Museums' parking lot on State Street in downtown Springfield, directly across from the Library.

Mickey Mouse B'Day At Agawam Library

The Agawam Public Library invites children aged three and up to share in the celebration of Mickey Mouse's birthday on Friday, November 18th from 4:00 to 4:45 p.m.

Together we'll watch some Mickey Mouse cartoons, make a Mickey craft, and sing Happy Birthday as we share some cake!

Please call 789-1550 or stop by at 750 Cooper Street to register for this program.

THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION

Preschoolers aged 2½ to five and their parents are invited to an evening storytime with a Thanksgiving theme at the Agawam Public Library.

Come on Tuesday, November 22nd, from 7:00 to 7:30 p.m. and enjoy some holiday time out with your children.

Please call 789-1550 or stop by at 750 Cooper Street to register.

Westfield Theatre Has Audition Dates

The Westfield Theatre Group has announced the audition dates for its 1995 shows. Auditions for Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Oklahoma!" will be held from 6:30-9:30 p.m. on Monday, December 5th, for all chorus members; Tuesday, December 6th, for all leads; and Thursday, December 8th, for all dancers and those chorus or leads who could not attend the Monday or Tuesday auditions.

Auditions for the 1995 annual "Evening of One Acts" will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 12th and Tuesday, December 13th.

All auditions will be held at the Westfield Woman's Club, 28 Court Street, Westfield. For more information, please call the Westfield Theatre Group at 572-6838.

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Education

Foreign Students Bring Diversity To Agawam High

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

For 20 years, the Town of Agawam and the School Department have been welcoming foreign students from AFS, the American Intercultural Exchange Program. This year is no different, as Agawam High School plays host to five young women from around the globe.

Since their arrival, the five have become a close-knit group enjoying extra-curricular sports and social get-togethers.

All are 18 years-old and share an interest in studying abroad to improve their language skills and learn first-hand about another culture.

While some of the students are living in families somewhat similar to their own, some are sharing host parents with siblings for the first time. All have happily settled in with their new families.

Bahar Tascioglu from Samsun, Turkey, is spending her year with Peter and Gail Brittain and their daughters; Nicole, a senior at AHS, and Tara, who works in a local pre-school.

With a 15 year-old brother at home in Turkey, Bahar is happy to be placed in a family with other young people.

"If you can have sisters or brothers, it is much nicer," Bahar said. "I wouldn't want to be alone."

Last year, Bahar's family in Turkey hosted a foreign exchange student from Finland, giving her some insight into the problems faced by the host family as well as the visitor.

"It's so nice. I have been in the position of being hosted, and I have some idea of what my host sister is feeling," Bahar said.

Families in Turkey are generally closer than in the United States, with more visits from aunts, uncles, and grandparents, Bahar said.

From Spain's famous city of Barcelona, **Cristina Huguet Llobet** is being hosted by Ric and Betsy Sardella and their children, Kaitlin and Chase. An only child, Cristina said, "I don't have brothers or sisters at home; now I have Chase and Kaitlin. I need patience, but sometimes they are so sweet."

Anna Uimonen from Helsinki, Finland, feels right at home in the weekend gatherings of former foreign exchange students now studying at area colleges at the home of Charles and Dale Miller.

"...Lots Of Excitement..."

"When they're all home, there's lots of excitement. Something's always happening," Anna said. "I'm used to being the big sister, but now I'm the youngest one."

From Wolvertem, a small town near the Belgium capitol of Brussels, **Sara DeKeersmaecker** is staying with Jim and Pat Reveruzzi and their children; Lisa, 16, Laura, 12, and Brenton, eight.

"There's always a coming-and-going in the house with someone going to practice or to games. It's always very busy," Sara said.

Mariangela Garcia, from Ecuador's capitol city of Quito, is staying with David and Terry Gallerani and their children; Lisa, Dave, and older sister Kristin, who works for US Air in Pittsburgh.

"My family is great," Mariangela said. "I really like them."

A second-generation AFS student, Mariangela grew up hearing her mother's tales of life as a foreign exchange student in Ohio.

"I think learning another culture and another language is so important," Mariangela said.

Both Sara and Anna were interested in learning whether or not the image they had of life in the United States as seen through television shows was accurate.

Sara said she was surprised to see that side-by-side refrigerators (very uncommon in her native Belgium) were indeed a standard in many American kitchens.

Anny found her perceptions of teenage life in the United States, gained through international broadcast of shows like *Beverly Hills 90210*, were not quite the norm for most American teens.

Common Traits Among Exchange Students

Although the girls come from widely varying backgrounds and cultural experiences, some common threads weave through their conversation. One of the basic differences in cultures is the American obsession with competitive sports on the high school level.

Most of the students reported surprise at the intense competition of high school sports. Most



THE 1994-95 AMERICAN INTERCULTURAL PROGRAM students (AFS) at Agawam High School. From left - Sara DeKeersmaecker (Belgium), Cristina Huguet Llobet (Spain), Anna Uimonen (Finland), Bahar Tascioglu (Turkey), and Mariangela Garcia (Ecuador). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

said high school athletic teams in their countries are "not so serious—it's just for fun."

The regimentation of the American high school day was another adjustment for the foreign students. Most of the girls said they were accustomed to longer lunch breaks and longer breaks between classes that allowed students more opportunity for socializing with friends.

The lack of public transportation is another change for the girls. All said they were used to being able to arrange their social lives without relying on parents for rides to movies, dances, and social clubs.

As might be expected, homesickness strikes at odd moments.

"Little problems here can be big for us," Anna said. "Little things can make me homesick."

Bahar agreed that homesick pangs sometimes come at the sight of a group of high school students making weekend plans (as she often did with her friends in Turkey).

Sara said the exchange students sometimes feel left out and on unfamiliar ground.

"It's not like being home with the support of people who love you," Sara said. "Here, it's not our own family and friends. Here, someone has to show you they love you and care about you."

Active in the AHS field hockey program, the girls are looking forward to participating in winter and spring sports at the high school.

Mariangela is anxious for her first experience with snow. If this winter comes close to last winter's weather woes, Mariangela will have a lifetime of stories to share with her family in Ecuador.

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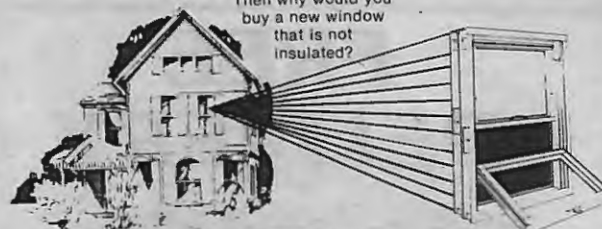
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Dan Vargas Named AHS Monthly Artist

The Agawam High School "artist" for the month of October was senior Dan Vargas.

Before moving to Agawam (where he entered the school system in the ninth grade), he lived in Ware and attended elementary school there.

Dan has been interested in art for the last several years, and took pottery for two years with Miss Messina (who is his favorite teacher). He is currently in Geraldine Schilling-Nordal's crafts class, which he also enjoys.

His favorite class is Theatre II. He likes Chinese and Italian food, alternative music, and takes part in varsity wrestling, which he intends to pursue in college. Dan's all-time favorite movie is "Vision Quest," and his best vacation ever was time spent in Lewiston, Maine.

He has three career interests in mind: social services, physical education, or theater. He intends to attend Western New England College or Springfield College.

Agawam Varsity Cheerleaders To Conduct 'Candy Blitz'

Due to increased budget cuts, the Agawam varsity cheerleaders will hold a "Candy Blitz" on Saturday, November 19th.

On that date, the cheerleaders will be knocking door-to-door around town to sell candy in order to raise money for new basketball uniforms.

Best local news...



AGAWAM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE members and School Department members are further cementing their new partnership with the announcement of four mini-grants recently received by the school system. From left - Kurt Welker, chamber president; Rita Ducharme, chamber staff; Albert Baggetta, Agawam High; John Burns, Junior High; William Sapelli, Robinson Park principal; Linda Orr and Catherine Camara, Robinson Park. **MISSING - Margaret Hatheway.** Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Mini-Grants Awarded To Four Teachers As Part Of Business-School Dept. Partnership

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

As the first phase in the establishment of a partnership between the local business community and the Agawam Public Schools, mini grants were awarded to four teachers or teaching teams at the October 25th meeting of the School Committee.

Developed by Curriculum Review Coordinator Ann Favreau, who is working with the Community Resources Sub-Committee, the Agawam Public Schools in Partnership with the Agawam Chamber of Commerce provided matching funds for eight teachers to receive grants of \$250 to fund innovative ideas for their classrooms. Application for the remaining four grants will be accepted in January and the grants will be announced in February.

The 12 applications for the fall awards were reviewed by Rita Ducharme, chairwoman of the Business-Education Committee of the Agawam Chamber of Commerce; Bernadette Conte and Susan Dempsey, members of the Community Resources Sub-Committee; Mrs. Favreau; and parents Iris Copson and Larry White, who represented the school improvement councils.

Chamber To Continue Support

Chamber of Commerce President Kurt Welker said he was impressed with the proposals and felt confident that the Chamber would be willing to continue the program. "I can't speak for the other directors, but I'm impressed. This is the first time we can see what can be done."

As part of the selection process, the review committee decided that requests for materials or professional development that should have been funded by the School Department could not be considered.

"All of the projects were very good," Mrs. Ducharme said. "Hopefully, we'll have even more applications in January."

"The Review Committee was unanimous in their selection of these innovative ideas," Mrs. Favreau said. "It is important to note that these projects highlight authentic learning experiences, that is, those that involve learning for a real purpose. They engage students and staff in mean-

ingful inquiry and problem solving."

Working with Early Childhood Special Education programmer Teresa Urbinati and Junior High art teacher Gail Szatrowski, Technical Education teacher John Burns will have his graphic arts students produce "Color Me Safe," a coloring book for preschoolers that will focus on 10 safety issues important to the welfare of young children.

The Art Department will challenge students to create computer generated art work that will be assembled into a coloring book. This will be used as part of the safety unit for the children enrolled in the Early Childhood Program. The book will be offered to all preschool programs in town at a price to cover the cost of production. An attempt will be made to have the book copyrighted and sold through an outside vendor.

The older students will have an opportunity to help younger students while they are learning to use work world materials and methods to solve a real life problem.

AHS English teacher Albert Baggetta will use his grant to fund "Biography: The Autographic Link." The students will use letter writing and autograph collecting as a link to their study of biographies.

Researching basic biographical information on prominent people in a variety of fields, students will identify a few people of particular interest to them. Letters will then be sent requesting autographs as well as information relating to their careers, philosophies, and accomplishments. Portfolios will be prepared using the materials received in response to the students' letters.

The project will help students improve their skills in library research, business letter writing, communication, and word processing.

Margaret Hatheway's third grade students at Granger School will develop and operate a student newspaper to be published in December, February, and May and distributed to the rest of the school.

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Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, November 21st: Personal round pizza, seasoned green & wax beans, chilled peaches in syrup, milk.

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Wednesday, November 23rd: Beginning of Thanksgiving vacation (half day of school).

Thursday, November 24th, and Friday, November 25th: Thanksgiving vacation.

(NOTE: Please remember to purchase your tickets on Mondays for the week. Personal checks are accepted, payable to: The Agawam School Lunch.)

Junior High PTO To Meet November 28th

The next Junior High School PTO meeting will be held on Monday, November 28th, in the cafeteria.

The members of the PTO hope that parents of students in the seventh and eighth grades will make an effort to attend.

Granger 2nd Graders Visit Fire Station



GRANGER SCHOOL SECOND GRADERS recently walked over for a visit to the Springfield Street Fire Station. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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The third graders will take on the roles of reporters, editors, and production staff.

Improve Writing & Communication Skills

The project is aimed at improving writing skills as well as communication skills such as listening, recording, translating oral and written communication, and prioritization.

As an added benefit, the students will be encouraged to keep themselves informed on current events by reading the local newspapers.

Robinson Park School Principal William Sapelli and teachers Linda Orr and Catherine Camara received funding for a program called Toward International Education in School.

The project will develop multicultural units designed to help students gain respect, appreciation, and knowledge of a diversity of cultures. At the same time, common cultural ties are strengthened.

Using books, videos, film strips, and hands-on materials, a multi-disciplinary approach will tie in the areas of social studies, art, music, language arts, science, and reading.

The project will fulfill one of the core values included in the school improvement plan: "respecting, appreciating, and recognizing people's diversity in family, school, and community."

Welker said he hoped the teachers could present the results of their projects to the Chamber's Board of Directors at the end of the school year.



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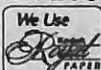
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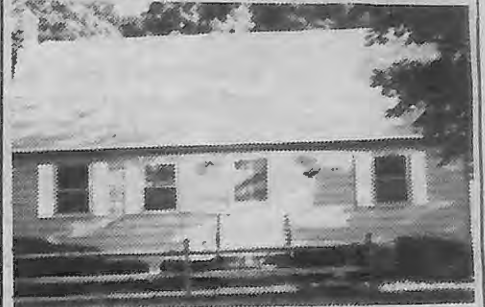
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by Paul C. Cavallo
Chairman

College Costs

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Each college determines how much money it must raise in order to cover the costs of faculty salaries, campus landscaping, building, maintenance, and administration expenses. These expenses obviously vary from institution to institution; so, too, does tuition.

When determining the amount of money that will have to be spent on tuition, you should consider the following:

1. How does your college define tuition? Are such expenses as activities fees considered part of this amount? Does your tuition include health insurance?

2. Are you a resident or non-resident of the state in which the institution is located? Tuition for public schools can be dramatically higher for non-residents than for residents. In the same vein, you should closely examine that state's residency requirements. You don't want to plan to enter a school without realizing that you needed two months more to become a resident.

3. Can you control the rising cost of next year's tuition? Some schools allow you to do this by "locking in" a set amount for four years. This is accomplished by prepaying the cost of four years of tuition at the onset of freshman year. With tuition at many colleges currently rising faster than the rate of inflation and bank interest rates among the lowest in years, this may be an attractive option if you have the money for four years of schooling at your disposal.

4. Does your college have a refund policy? It is essential to find out through your school's financial aid administrator if you can get all or some of your money back if you decide to drop out of college shortly after you start or if you never get to the point of registering for classes. You may be able to get a certain portion of your money back before a specific period of time has elapsed, but after that, no money will be refunded.

IMPORTANT DATES

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November 22nd: Keene State, 9:00 a.m.

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Western New England College - WNEC is sponsoring a **Career Day in Engineering**. This event is open to high school juniors and seniors considering a career in engineering. It will take place at WNEC on Wednesday, November 30th, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. See your counselor for more information.

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Blood Drive At Agawam High School



AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT Kelley Black is about to give blood to American Red Cross registered nurse Bev Ziomek during a Blood Drive at AHS on November 4th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS Dina DeMarco (lying down), Danielle Lajeunesse, Stephanie Biza, and Nicole Boyer at the school's Blood Drive in conjunction with the American Red Cross on November 4th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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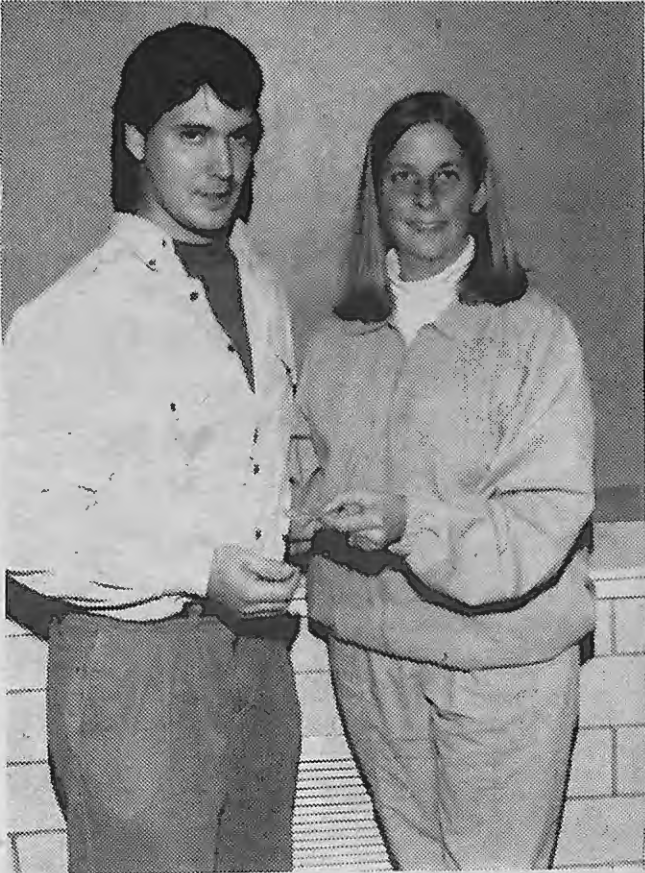
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JOHN BIKOWSKI receives the "Orange and Brown" Award at Agawam High from faculty committee member **Barbara Stevens**. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Ag. Middle School's PTO Newsletter For Month Of November

The Agawam Middle School PTO board meeting was held on November 7, 1994 with approximately 15 parents attending. Representing the staff were Mr. Zavarella, Mr. Dacey, Mr. Jackowski, and Mrs. Bartnik.

Debbie Pelley reported that the fall fundraiser was the most successful ever.

Halloween was a very festive day at school with kids dressed in costumes. PTO parents decorated the lunch tables and gave out ice cream.

A total of \$189 was received for UNICEF. The Agawam Lions Club supplements this collection with a donation.

Diane Hajdamowicz discussed the various companies being considered for the upcoming Holiday Bazaar. Meadowfarms was agreed upon, and tentative dates in early December are being worked out.

Robert King will be returning for three separate workshops as part of the sixth grade writer-in-residence program.

A request by Mrs. Lester to fund two Project S.E.E. trips was approved. On March 31, 1995, the sixth grade students will visit Higgins Armory Museum, and on May 5, 1995, the fifth grade students will visit the Greek exhibit at the Smith Art Museum.

A request by Mr. Longstreeth to repair instruments was approved.

It was voted to provide handbook planners to all Middle School students. These are the same planners that are presently used at the Junior High School. They should be available next month.

Orders will soon be taken for school t-shirts! They are black with red lettering, and will be available for a nominal fee.

The accelerated reader party will be January 27, 1995. Keith M. Jackson will present two programs on that day.

Notices regarding the parent-teacher conferences will be going out shortly. Mr. Zavarella encouraged parents to call if there are any problems.

Anyone at any time can have a conference, not just at the scheduled conference nights. Appointments can be set up before, during, or after school.

Parents are encouraged to attend the next PTO meeting which is scheduled for Monday, December 12, 1994.

John Bikowski Receives Monthly AHS "Orange & Brown" Award

The October "Orange and Brown Outstanding Performance Award" winner is Mr. John Bikowski. John graduated from the University of Hartford Summa Cum Laude with a degree in Mathematics, and completed graduate work at the University of Massachusetts and Westfield State College.

John has a marvelous sense of humor and keeps the students interested in class with his jokes. (Ask him what happens if you sneeze with your eyes open!) John maintains a close relationship with his students, and spends countless hours after school with those who struggle in math. He constantly encourages them, but often

helps them deal with personal issues. His students truly love him for not only being there as a concerned teacher, but also as a trusted adult.

John can be seen at the Fitness First Nights for students on Saturdays, and helps to get students interested in extra-curricular activities. He forever encourages his students to shoot for the stars and do their level best.

He is considered highly creative, and promotes an imaginative teaching style. Mr. "Bik," as his students call him, is always there. The staff appreciation committee is proud to award this to a great person.

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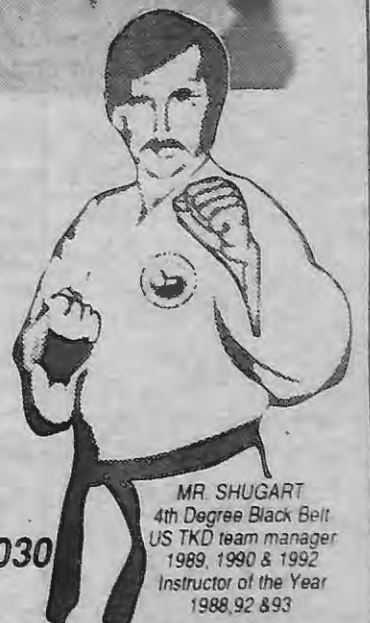
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Halloween Party At Agawam Jr. High Helps Open Pantry

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

The West Springfield/Agawam Open Pantry has 10 more boxes of canned goods to stock up their shelves for the holiday season thanks to the efforts of the 22-member Student Cadre at the Junior High School.

Under the direction of Assistant Principal Marc Costanzi, the students organized a Halloween costume day. For the "price" of two canned goods, nearly a third of the Junior High students bought the privilege of coming to school dressed in costume.

"After the way the student body reacted, we'd gladly try it again," Costanzi said.

When he was first approached by student cadre members about the possibility of having a costume day, Costanzi said he and Principal Kevin Littlefield saw a perfect opportunity for the students to "do something for the less fortunate."

After discussing news reports focusing on the problems facing the Open Pantry of stock running low and demand running high, Costanzi said the group enthusiastically pitched in to organize and publicize the costume day throughout the school.

While the idea came from Costanzi, the students were happy to help out because Open Pantry was running low on food, said student Raquel Rodriguez.

A Huge Success

The students counted the event a huge success, agreeing it was "pretty cool" to see everyone dressed up—especially a few boys who dressed as cheerleaders.

Most visible around the school for their part in keeping traffic flowing through the halls between classes, student cadre does much more than merely hold open the fire doors in the hallways during passing.

"They help us out a lot," Costanzi said. "When the police academy holds its graduation in the auditorium, student cadre took turns during their study periods to redirect traffic around the lobby."

Costanzi said the group serves as good school citizens, assisting the faculty and setting a positive example for the student body. Cadre members are expected to maintain good grades and to keep their records free of disciplinary action.

"Hopefully, it's a group the other students can look up to for doing the right thing," Costanzi said.

"...Names Will Never Hurt Me"

"Some people call us names (like human doorstops), but it doesn't bother me," student Becky Long said. "I'm looking forward to our field trip at the end of the year and we get to leave class a few minutes early and get to the next class a little later."

Student Alicyn Siano agreed, "It's fun to see your friends in the hall."

Last year, some members of the cadre formed the peer assistance team to help new students entering school during the year.

Costanzi said the program was designed to help new students find their way around in their first few days at the school and to help in making new friends.

Student Angela Gontezaruk said she enjoyed helping out new students. "It worked out pretty good. Sometimes they really needed help and sometimes they didn't."

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3 AHS Students On Commended List

Guidance Director Paul C. Cavallo of Agawam High School announces that **Barbara J. Bitgood**, **Christina Bousquet**, and **Steven J. Martin** have been named Commended Students in the 1995 National Merit Scholarship Program. A Letter of Commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (which conducts the program) will be presented by the school to these scholastically able seniors.

About 35,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being honored for their exceptional academic promise. They placed among the top five percent of more than a million students who entered the 1995 Merit Program by taking the 1993 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. Although the qualifying test scores of the Commended Students are outstanding, they are slightly below the level required to continue in the competition for Merit Scholarships to be awarded in 1995.

A Merit Program spokesperson commented, "It is important to acknowledge the attainments of academically talented students and to credit schools for the key role they're playing in their development."

"We hope the recognition received by the able young men and women who are commended in this rigorous, nationwide competition will encourage them to take advantage of their opportunities for higher education and to diligently pursue their professional goals. The nation will benefit from the full development of this precious intellectual resource."



AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS Barbara Bitgood, Steven Martin, and Chris Bouquet (center) were recently named "Commended Students" in the 1995 National Merit Scholarship Program. School officials in photo are, from left - Russell Furtado, principal; Paul Cavallo, guidance chairman; and Bernard Ryder, superintendent of schools. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



STEVE FREEMAN of Agawam High School receives the UMass Chancellor's Award. From left - Bernard Ryder, superintendent of schools; Paul Cavallo, guidance chairman; Steve Freeman, and Russell Furtado, principal. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Freeman Wins UMass Chancellor's Award

Paul C. Cavallo, Guidance Department Chairperson at Agawam High School, announces that Steven Freeman, a senior, has been selected a winner in the University of Massachusetts at Amherst's Chancellor's Talent Award Program competition for 1995.

The students receiving this award have demonstrated high academic achievement both in high school and on standardized tests. They are

truly among our Commonwealth's most promising scholars and citizens.

As a Chancellor's Talent Award winner, Steven will be offered \$5,000 per year for four years if he enrolls at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

Our teachers are to be congratulated on Steven's outstanding achievement.

Fitness First Halloween Party Held



FITNESS FIRST HEALTH & RACQUET CLUB held a Power Ranger costume party on Halloween for kids in their nursery room.

Agawam Adult Ed. Prog. To Conduct Winter Registration

Early registration for the winter term of the Agawam Adult Education Program will be held on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings (November 28th, 29th, and 30th) from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Agawam High School guidance office.

Registration will also be held on Wednesday, January 4th, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., and during the first week of classes on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday (January 9th, 10th, and 11th) from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Agawam High School guidance office.

Classes will begin on Monday, January 9th, and end in early April. The tuition charge is \$55 per course and is payable at the time of registration. No refunds will be given after the second class meeting.

Tuition will be refunded if there is an insufficient number of students registered for a course(s). The administration reserves the right to cancel the course(s) for lack of registration.

Those persons interested in working toward a high school diploma should bring with them a transcript of any course work completed since ninth grade.

The following is a list of courses and the nights they are being offered for the winter term:

- Mondays:**
 * Academic courses for high school diploma
 Typing I
 Lotus 1-2-3
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- Tuesdays:**
 Conversational Italian Part II
 Algebra I
 Accounting I
 Word Perfect II/Desktop Publishing
 Intro to Investments & Financial Planning (Day subject to change)
- Wednesdays:**
 * Academic courses for high school diploma
 Algebra II
 Chemistry
 Word Perfect I
 Oil Painting
 Breadmaking & Pastry-making
 Computer Concepts
 (* Includes English 9, 10, 11, 12, US History, Psychology, General Math, Business Math, General Science, World History)

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Sports

Cling To Hopes For Super Bowl Berth...

AHS Football Guaranteed At Least Tie For 1st AA Conference Title Since 1966

by Dave Rollins
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Before last Friday night's schoolboy football game vs. the Falcons of Minnechaug Regional, the Brownies of Agawam High had little hope of reaching the Division I Super Bowl this season.

As offensive line Coach Eric Lunden observed, "Our chances were slim to none."

But the beauty of schoolboy football around here is its unpredictability. Because at the same time AHS was beating-up on Minnechaug at Harmon A. Smith Field (25-6), AA Conference leader Springfield Central was losing a nail-biter to visiting Cathedral, 15-14.

What that means is for the first time since 1966, the Brownies are guaranteed at least a share of the AA Conference title at 5-1. The Brownies close out the season on Thanksgiving Day at West Springfield.

This is a non-conference game because West Side toils in the Suburban League.

The big one for the Brownies to watch will be on Saturday when 7-2 Central (4-1 in the AA Conference) visits Chicopee Comp in the league's last battle of the season.

While most observers would say the Colts don't have much of a chance, perhaps a miracle could happen. Comp will be hosting Central with the home field advantage. Also, Comp is coming off a big 28-7 victory over Athol, a team that is in second place in the Intercounty League (and 6-3 overall).

The Brownies blew-out Comp a few weeks ago (34-6) and Central crushed AHS right before that. So, is a Super Bowl berth on Saturday, December 3rd in the cards for AHS? There is still hope. AHS has never played in a Division I Super Bowl and 1966 is the last time the school has ever won the Western Mass. championship. (That was the end of a three season, 26-game unbeaten streak for the Brownies that brought titles to the school in 1964, 1965, and 1966.)

After a few days off, the Brownies returned to the practice field on Wednesday to prepare for next Thursday's game vs. rival West Side (complete coverage in next week's early edition). But of course, the Central-Comp game will be in the back of everyone's mind. And as they say, "If ifs and buts were candy and nuts, it would be a great Christmas."

As for the Minnechaug game last Friday night, three things were obvious from the get-go - Minnechaug was smaller than AHS; were simply out-muscled by the Brownies; and senior Jason Votakis is probably the best north-south runner in all of Western Mass.

He wastes no time running parallel to the line of scrimmage. He had three touchdowns in the game on runs of one yard, 29 yards, and a 90-yard kickoff return. He now has a total of 16 touchdowns on the season. He tabulated 127 yards on 17 carries in the game.

Another thing apparent in this game was the Brownie defense - it came to play against the Falcons and that bodes well for the upcoming clash vs. West Springfield.

Sophomore quarterback Mike Lauro is running the team with more confidence each week. He had a pretty 22-yard TD pass to senior Brian Colby as another of the game's highlights.



THE AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM received a new sled courtesy of the Gridiron Parents. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

AHS JV Football Cruises Past Falcons, 26-0

by Brian Colby
Advertiser News Correspondent

It was a game to remember for Agawam High School junior varsity football players as the Brownies ended the season with a 26-0 romp over the Minnechaug Falcons.

The JV's have pretty much shadowed the play of the varsity this season. The team finished at 6-3. To say the least, the victory over the Falcons was no disappointment for the home crowd and capped what was a most satisfying season.

AHS opened up the scoring when Kevin Perrault broke through the line for a short run into the end zone. Perrault also scored on the two-point conversion to give AHS an 8-0 edge.

Glen Wegrzyn then got into the scoring column as he powered his way up the middle to paydirt. The AHS offense was at it again soon after and Tommy Bobrowski connected with Phil McGeoghan for a 10-yard scoring strike. Josh Maynard put the issue to rest when he scored from 20 yards out on a reverse.

The defense also played a fine game. McGeoghan and Tommy Gage each had key interceptions to shut down the Falcons' offense. Maynard and Jeff Blews provided the heavy hitting. In one instance, Blews seemingly broke one of the Falcons in half. These two guys also had several quarterback sacks on the day.

There is no shortage of talent on this team. The sophomores and juniors heading for the varsity in 1995 have some big shoes to fill. McGeoghan, Blews, and Perrault all figure to fit into the plans of the coaching staff when the 1995 season opens.

Also, Gage, noted for his big hitting from the cornerback spot, and Andy Markowsky from the other side have bolstered the JV defense this season. Matt Harrington also has shown a prowess for kicking field goals. And linemen Jay DeGray and Dan Yon also should get plenty of playing time in 1995.

Ski Sale Slated By Operation Friendship

Operation Friendship will present its annual ski sale (courtesy of the Ski-In) on Saturday, November 19th, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Feeding Hills Congregational Church, 21 North Westfield Street (Route 187), Feeding Hills (next to Dunkin' Donuts).

In addition to door prizes, the sale will feature the following values:

- * Up to 75 percent off ski and winter wear.
- * Up to 60 percent off skis.

- * Up to 60 percent off ski packages.
- * 50 percent off boots.
- * Half-price goggles, gloves, and mittens.
- * Up to 40 percent off snowboards and snowboard boots.
- * Used skis are priced at \$39.
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- * Used skis and boots sold on consignment (bringing in your old ones on Friday, November 18th, between 6:30 and 8:00 p.m.).



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AHS Athlete Of The Week... Melanie Demastrie Nearing Top Of Area Gymnastics

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The Agawam High girls' gymnastic team is made up of many young and rising stars. One of the youngest and perhaps the brightest of those stars is sophomore Melanie Demastrie.

Gymnastics Coach Heather Sawyer calls Demastrie her best "all-arounder." That means she is equally adept at the vault, beam, uneven bars, and floor exercises. Miss Sawyer also feels Demastrie will be named as one of the top female gymnasts in Western Massachusetts at season's end.

Demastrie, who is all of 15 years-old, is about five feet tall and is both demure and powerful. She took some time out from practice the other day to talk about herself.

Her mom's name is Rose. She's a Spanish teacher in West Springfield. Her dad, Al, is a salesman. And she has a brother, Chris, who attends Georgia Tech. The family resides on Chestnut Lane.

People have different reasons for doing what they like to do. Melanie, or 'Mel' as her teammates call her, has a unique reason for taking up the sport. "I decided to participate in gymnastics so I could open up. I'm shy," she admitted. The ease with which she described herself seems to indicate that her strategy has worked.

Vault The Favorite

Though she likes all four disciplines, she puts the vault at the top of the list, followed by the uneven bars, beam, and floor exercises. Interestingly enough, the floor exercises seem to be her strongest event, where she combines her gracefulness and powerful athletic presentation to put on quite a show. She's gotten a personal best 8:05 in that event this year.

She also sounded more like a seasoned, battle-scarred veteran than a young competitor, when she observed that, in her view, gymnastics is more mental than physical. But then, one has to remember that she works out all year long under the tutelage of Coach Sawyer.

When asked what kind of music she liked, there was no hesitation. "Hard rock," she laughed. Among her favorite groups are Pearl Jam and Soul Survivor. She does her floor exercises to "Rock Around The Clock," which isn't exactly the hardest of rock. "Coach Sawyer picked it out for me," she smiled.

Her favorite food is Italian and her favorite in that food group is calamari. "I love calamari," she said. For all of you steak and potato folks out there, calamari is squid.

Her favorite subject at Agawam High is English. And her favorite teacher is the lady who teaches the course, Rosemary Stratton.

She thought for a minute when asked why she is so good at such a young age. "At one time, all I did was compete. Now I do it for enjoyment." She has a point. Some athletes seem to take pressure off themselves by lightening up a bit.

Gymnastics Not Her Only Game

She isn't only involved in gymnastics. She plays third base on the Agawam High girls' softball team. She's a halfback and fullback on an Agawam Soccer Association team. She also plays intramural volleyball at AHS. "This spring, if I don't make the softball team, I'll try out for track," she said. What events would she concentrate on? "The javelin and shot put, I think."

Demastrie had a tough time thinking of things she didn't like. Other than swimming, she admitted, "There aren't many things I don't like."

"Concerts and parties with my friends," she says, is her idea of a good time.

She has a couple of heroes. A big one is Olympian Dominique Dawes, who excels in the floor exercises. Another is her brother, who plays third base for Georgia Tech.

At Agawam High, she's in the high ability English class. Her grades are "mostly A's and B's," according to her. And the thing she likes most about school is, "Seeing my friends every day."

About the big Western Mass. meet in Amherst last Saturday, she said before the contest, "I'm not nervous. But we have to beat Chicopee Comp to stay in first place in the B Division."

With 'Mel' out there, giving it everything she has, the Brownies look to be in good shape, not only Saturday, but for some time to come.

Demastrie finished third in Western Mass. last Saturday, the highest ever for an AHS gymnast.

Basketball Wizards To Make Hoop Magic At Ag. High School

The Harlem Wizards, a world-renowned entertainment basketball team that's now 35 years young, is coming to Agawam High School. They will be here on December 8th at 7:30 p.m.

The Wizards feature NBA players, college standouts, and playground legends.

The two-hour family event is chock-full of dazzling dunking displays, "ooh" and "aah" inspiring trickery and teamwork, and high-spirited humor and antics. The home team is made up of members of our community.

There will be a free post-game autograph session, and refreshments and Wizard souvenirs will be sold at the game.

For ticket information, please call Joann McGeoghan at 786-1982 or Nancy Melbourne at 786-1418.

Daggett Gymnasts Compete In Brockton

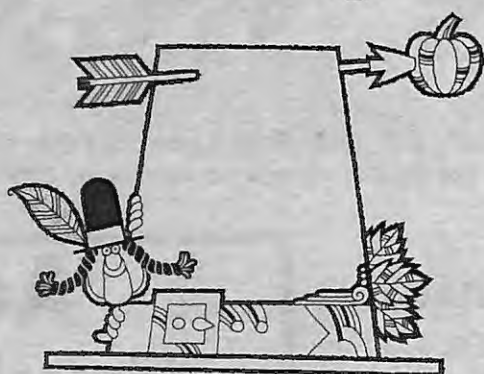
Gymnasts from Tim Daggett Gold Medal Gymnastics recently competed at sectionals in Brockton, Massachusetts, at Spectrum Gymnastics.

The Level 6 gymnasts were Katie Nelson, Bri Lancour, Heather Gracewski, Erica Gildersleeve, who placed first on vault, and Jennifer Abrams, who placed sixth in the all-around with a score of 32.15 which qualified her for the state meet next month.

All three of the Level 7 gymnasts qualified for the December state meet. Lauren Powell was second in the all-around with a score of 33.15. She was first on bars and vault. Jamie Thrall was third in the all-around with a score of 33.05. Jamie placed second on vault, beam, and floor. Tyler St. Jean was fourth in the all-around with a score of 32.75. Tyler was second on bars.


The girls' team at Tim Daggett Gold Medal Gymnastics is coached by Joe Salmieri, Pat Rooney, Patty Donaldson, Tina Reis, and Marina Vernaya.

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B. Hayden	5 6 1 11
B. Sabola	4 8 0 8
C. Roos	3 8 1 7
R. Martin	2 10 0 4

BOYS' UNDER 12	W L T P
Campana Yellow Jackets	12 2 1 25
McLean Green Machine	10 3 2 22
Adamski Red Devils	9 3 3 21
Chretien Blue Lightning	6 5 4 16
Drewniak Maroon Marauders	6 7 2 14
Pilegi Orange Crush	4 11 0 8
Mouneimneh White Nights	2 10 3 7
Hamre Blue Bombers	2 10 3 7

GIRLS UNDER 10	W L T P
Francis' Lady Bugs	11 1 0 22
Prisby's Blue Bullets	7 1 4 18
Adam's Blue Jays	5 5 2 12
Kelley's Golden Girls	4 6 2 10
Keenan's Red Devils	2 8 2 6
Ruhl's Green Goblins	0 8 4 4

GIRLS UNDER 12	W L T P
Davilli's Maroon Machine	10 1 1 21
Obue's Yellow Jackets	8 2 2 18
Spear's Green Lightning	5 5 2 12
Feeley's Bruisers	3 8 1 7
Denises' Tigers	1 11 0 2

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Agawam High 1994 Frosh Field Hockey



MEMBERS OF THE 1994 Agawam High School girls' field hockey team will be moving up to either the junior varsity or varsity in 1995. Photo courtesy of David Pulaski.

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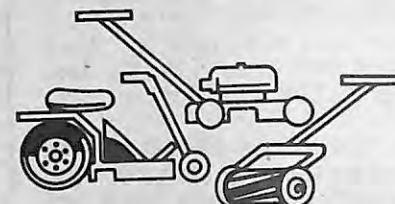
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Georgetown Takes Round One In Tri-Parish Bowling

Round One of the Monday night Tri-Parish Bowling League at the Agawam Bowl finished in exciting fashion as Georgetown (19 wins) took the crown in a great battle vs. second place St. Louis (18 wins).

For G-Town, it was consistency that ruled the night as second roller DON "Don't Sit On" STITT (298) and premiere women's roller DEBBIE POIRIER (319) each won their matches. Don is second in Men's B at 95.0 while Debbie leads the women at 109.9, good for second overall in the league. St. Louis anchorman GLEN ADAMS (298) lost to Debbie by 21 pins.

The star of the night for St. Lou was third roller TOM "Not Tony" CURTIS (327, top roller in Men's A at 104.21). The other winner for St. Lou was leadoff AUDREY PHILLIPS, 260-254 over MARCIA DOBIE. Audrey is second in Women's C at 83.6.

Holy Cross (3rd place/18 wins) finished out a strong Round One when facing seventh place St. Mary (13 wins). HC winners were DORIS FORTIER (253), FRANK CERPOVICZ (287), and JOHN "Smiley" REILLY (345). But substitute Captain LOU MASSOIA fired a huge 364 for St. Mary's to soundly thrash HC anchorman JIM SPEARS (271).

Doris Fortier is fourth in Women's B at 86.1; Frank Cerpovicz is fourth in Men's A at 94.16; and "Smiley" Reilly is third in Men's AA at 102.15. Rolling well for St. Mary's was TERRY CERPOVICZ. She fired a 306. Terry is the leader in Women's A.

In the next match of the night, fifth place Fordham (17 wins), the leader in Round One before stumbling lately, faced fourth place St. Anselm (17½ wins). St. A's winners included leadoff GUS FRAPPIER (268), VENETTA SNYDER (274), and Captain LOU MULDER. a 348-311 upset winner over OLLIE MULDER, the Fordham captain. Ollie is the league-leader in rolling at 112.1 while Lou is second in Men's AA at 106.12 and third overall in the league.

Gus Frappier rolls at 84.11 in Men's C; Venetta Snyder rolls at 88.6 in Women's B. Rolling well for Fordham was TONY "I'm Not A Captain" KOZAK (300).

In the final match of the night, sixth place Notre Dame (14½ points) and eighth place Boston College (11 points) hooked-up. ND winners were JAY LAGODITZ (285), DOT DREWAINY (271), and Captain STEVE BONESTEEL (329-296 over BC Captain JOHN MLINEK). The only winner for BC was third roller JIM MCCORMICK (309-104.4 in the unclassified division). Bonesteel is second in Men's A at 102.8 and vowed to catch Tom "Not Tony" Curtis, the leader in Men's A.

For ND, Jay Lagoditz is first in Women's C at 84.20, and Dot Drewainy is fifth in Women's B at 85.9.

Linkster Jim Barry Again Shoots His Age!

For the second consecutive year, Agawam senior golfer Jim Barry has shot his age.

On Wednesday, November 9th at Southwick Country Club, Jim had a great round of 74, witnessed by his weekly playing partners.

If he continues playing at these low scores, in a few years, he will be shooting under his age.

Good health and good playing, Jim!

STANDINGS - from Page 50...

COED UNDER 14	W	L	T	P
DeFilipi's Greyhounds	11	0	1	23
Blair's Blue Blasters	9	3	0	18
Francis' Mustangs	6	4	2	14
Shaw's Tigers	3	6	3	9
Cincotta's Green Leprechauns	4	8	0	8
Cortis' Red Devils	4	8	0	8
Rennell's Gold	1	9	2	4

COED UNDER 17	W	L	T	P
Heneghan's Royal Blue	5	1	3	13
Brinn's Green	6	3	0	12
Roy's Gold	2	4	3	7
Shaw's Smashers	1	6	2	4

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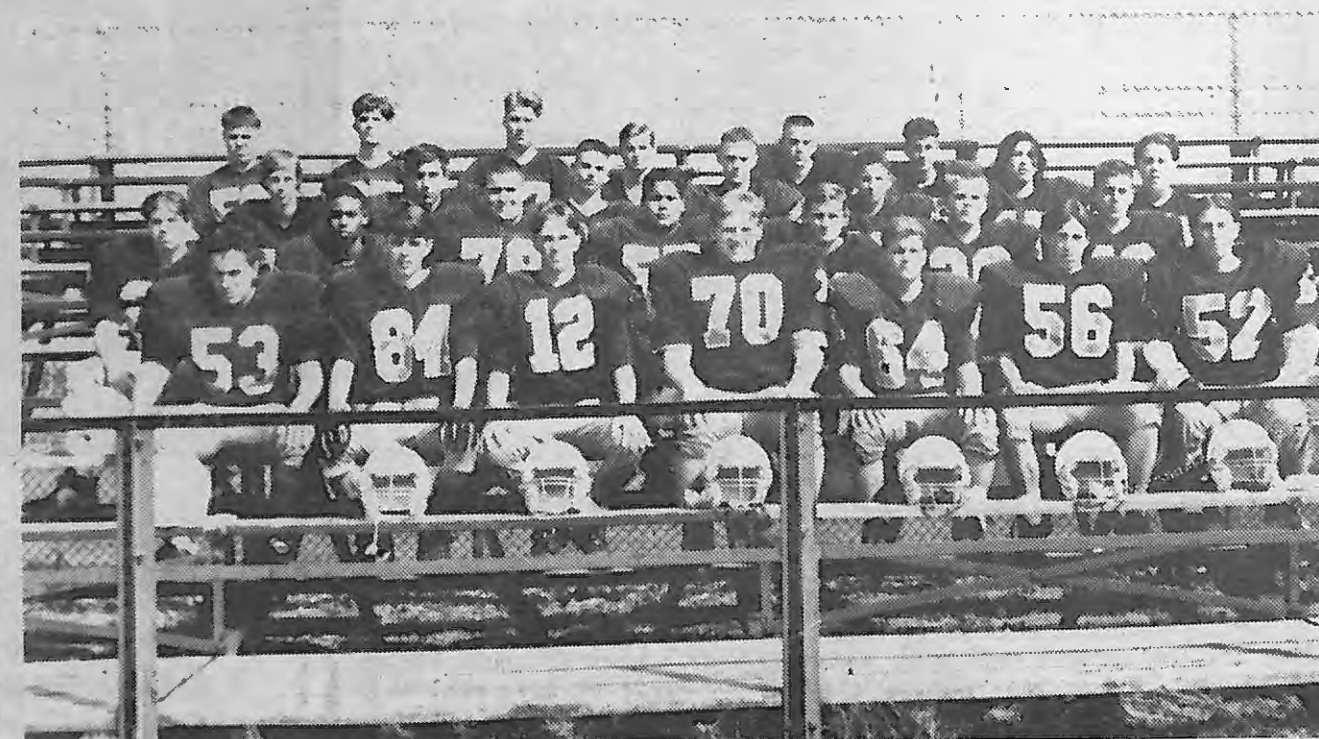
Autumn Athletes At Agawam High School



MEMBERS OF THE Agawam High School boys' junior varsity soccer team. photo courtesy of David Pulaski.



MEMBERS OF THE Agawam High School girls' freshman soccer team. photo courtesy of David Pulaski.



MEMBERS OF THE Agawam High School freshman football team. photo courtesy of David Pulaski.

PLEASE REMEMBER that our deadline for next week's edition is Sunday morning, November 20th. The office will be open Saturday morning so you can drop off your copy then. Please publicize your events at least one week in advance.

Sorry, Folks, But Calipari's Days At UMass Are Numbered

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

When you watch the University of Massachusetts play basketball this season, you might want to take a good long look at UMass Coach John Calipari.

Look past Coach Cal's sideline histrionics and his finely-tailored Brooks Brothers', or Palm Beach, or maybe Armani suit. If you do, you might have noticed that slight bulge in the left-hand side breast pocket. You have to look fast, though, or you'll probably miss it. Is it his wallet? I don't think so, not fat enough. How about a lineup card? I don't think so, not thin enough. And no, it wouldn't be a program, either.

My guess is, it might be an offer sheet, something Coach Cal would rather not have anyone know about or see. Of course, no one can be completely certain that's what it really might be, if it's there at all. But any basketball fan who knows the difference between a jump shot and a jump ball would have their suspicions. Coach Cal's days at UMass could be numbered.

Now this observation would, no doubt, drive your garden variety UMass basketball fan loco. But I think we all realize that Calipari just gets better and better. He's rapidly approaching a level that is far above any reputation UMass might have in big-time college basketball.

Understand this and please put away that weapon. UMass will never be a North Carolina, a Duke, or a Kentucky, despite a hundred Mullins Centers, or a hundred basketball scholarships, or 10,000 boosters on countless sold-out arena nights.

On the other hand, Calipari could be another Dean Smith, Adolph Rupp, or a John Wooden. In other words, an outstanding work in progress.

And there are a score of schools out there that because of their size, location, or national prominence in all sports, not just basketball, covet Coach Cal. And just as coaches are hired to be fired, contracts were made to be broken.

We must know that many of those schools, quietly, yet with tremendous determination and resourcefulness, are on Calipari's trail. And they will not stop. Look at Cal's stats because they most certainly have.

In His Seventh Season At UMass

Now entering his seventh season in Amherst, he's taken a wreck of a program and turned it around, compiling a 130-64 record along the way. Last year marked his third straight trip to the NCAA tournament. Two years ago he made it to the round of 16.

In his second and third seasons at UMass, he took the team to the N.I.T. and made it to the final four of that one in 1991. He's led the Minutemen to four seasons of 20 wins or more. And the team will be loaded again this year with a bunch of seniors who are tournament tough. It would seem

Coast To Coast In Men's Soccer League



MEMBERS OF COAST TO COAST TRANSPORTATION who compete in an area men's soccer league during the fall months. Team members included, back row - Mike Knodler, Chad Blackak, Grant Young, Shaun Kennedy, Neil White, and Sam Orlando. Front row - Brad Prouty, Walt Willard, Ramades Rivera, and John Devine. Missing: Tim Scanlon, Mike Knodler, Jr., Jim Duquette, Mike Lyman, Mike Mason, and Kevin Willard. Advertiser News photo

by Jack Devine.

almost impossible for him to stay at the UMass helm for much longer.

Did you know Pitt would do almost anything to get him there? Cal hails from that part of the country. North Carolina State, smack in the heart of college hoop land, is rumored to be looking, as is Florida State. And those are only the ones we know about. Those schools might seem to be set as far as coaches go now ... but?

Another NCAA tournament berth with good results could seal Coach Cal's fate at UMass. He is without a doubt the hottest young basketball coach in America. And with a dynamite team predicted for this year, the final four seems a

possibility.

UMass fans might think Coach Cal's potential departure is their greatest fear. So this could be a bittersweet time for you. Let me just add this bit of wild speculation. Should he go all the way and win a national championship this season, then his future is signed, sealed, and delivered.

John Calipari, coach of basketball, will be able to write his own ticket, name his own price. It will have nothing to do with him being disloyal to the University of Massachusetts. Coach Cal is an honorable man.

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Congrats, Keith!

I'm happy to report that Keith Teal bagged his first deer with the bow and arrow. Keith was hunting in Connecticut on private property one afternoon. He set up just inside the woods off a field he was watching.

Suddenly, an eight-point buck appeared in the field and walked right in front of his stand. Keith took a deep breath, calmed down the jitters, pulled back his hunting arrow, and repeating his Uncle Ted's words, "heart, always the heart," released and hit the heart dead center. The animal dressed out at 130 pounds.

Keith became interested in fishing and hunting when his uncles, Mark and Lance Poirer of Feeding Hills, took him and his brother fishing and he listened to the tales of hunting by both his uncles. His brother, Wayne, went on to take up golf and is well known for his skill at the game. Keith was fascinated by the tales told by his uncles and his cousin, Ted Leal.



Teaching Pays Off

Cousin Ted took him under his wing and started him shooting the bow and on scouting trips during the summer in deer country. They took video films of many deer, and Ted explained the different methods on how to hunt the animals. His teachings paid off. Congratulations, Keith, you have broken the ice. I'm looking forward to hunting with you and the boys in the future.

Now, the other side of the coin. Noel Brown called about the trouble he is having with four youngsters (two males and two females), 13 to 14 years-old. Noel had to post his land because of the trouble he was having from so-called hunters who were shooting his tree stands to pieces with shotgun loads. No doubt these are slob hunters who don't respect other's property and cause all hunters to be put in their category.

Noel's son-in-law was setting in a tree stand recently when he heard children's voices; young girls screaming and boys hollering. He investigated and found four youngsters cutting ropes and safety harnesses on a tree stand. You say, so what! If a bow hunter climbed up into the tree stand in the early morning and strapped on the harness, lean against it, he could fall to the ground and be seriously hurt. Noel's son-in-law is a police officer from West Springfield. He questioned the two girls and when he got to the boys, they were real wiseguys.

Noel called the mother of one of the girls, and informed her of her daughter's action. She told Noel she would take care of it.

The second mother notified Noel that her daughter would not do such a thing and cutting rope is a ridiculous charge.

Noel did not bring charges against the four because of their age and did not want to tarnish them for the future. However, he wanted me to alert the people that have children running loose that the woods this time of year are not a very safe playground.

The hunting season is open, both for small game, birds, and bowhunting for deer. Agawam has over 1,000 acres of playgrounds for children and their parents should see that they use them for safety sake.

NEW BOATING LAWS

The DEP of Connecticut has adopted two new boating laws. As of October 1, 1994, all Connecticut boat operators less than 30 years of age must possess a Safe Boating Certificate to operate a Connecticut registered vessel other than a personal watercraft (Jet-Ski type craft) on Connecticut waterways. Also, as of October 1st and until May 30th, all persons in a canoe must wear a Coast Guard approved lifejacket.

Agawam Rowdies Take 2nd Place In Tourney

The Agawam "Rowdies"—Pioneer Valley U-13 girls' soccer team coached by Denny Marr and Lynn Modzelesky—ended their fall season by taking second place in the end-of-the-season Pioneer Valley Soccer Tournament, November 5th and 6th, held at Gateway Regional High School in Huntington, MA.

The girls went into the tournament in third place. On Saturday, they beat the second-place team Berkshire from Westfield in a rousing match 2-0. On Sunday, they met the first-place team Longmeadow and had another tying match 1-1 at the end of the regulation time. (Each time during the season Agawam and Longmeadow have tied.)

After two sudden-death overtimes, they still were tied, making the game go into shoot-outs.

After the first regular shoot-out, they still tied, bringing this game down to sudden-death shoot-outs. Finally, the tie was broken with Longmeadow taking it by one.

The Agawam girls played hard and showed their great skill and talents throughout the game. The game was a great game to watch, played by two well-matched teams. Congratulations, girls!

The Agawam "Rowdies" team players are Elise Alfano, Sherri Benton, Dianna DiStefano, Jill Gendron, Pamela Gervais, Jennifer Lock, Gina Loudfoot, Jennifer Marr, Kerry McGeoghan, Jennifer Modzelesky, Jessica Montagna, Samantha Mozdzanowski, Shawna Suffriti, Katherine Shannon, Amanda Tilden, and Kaitlyn White.

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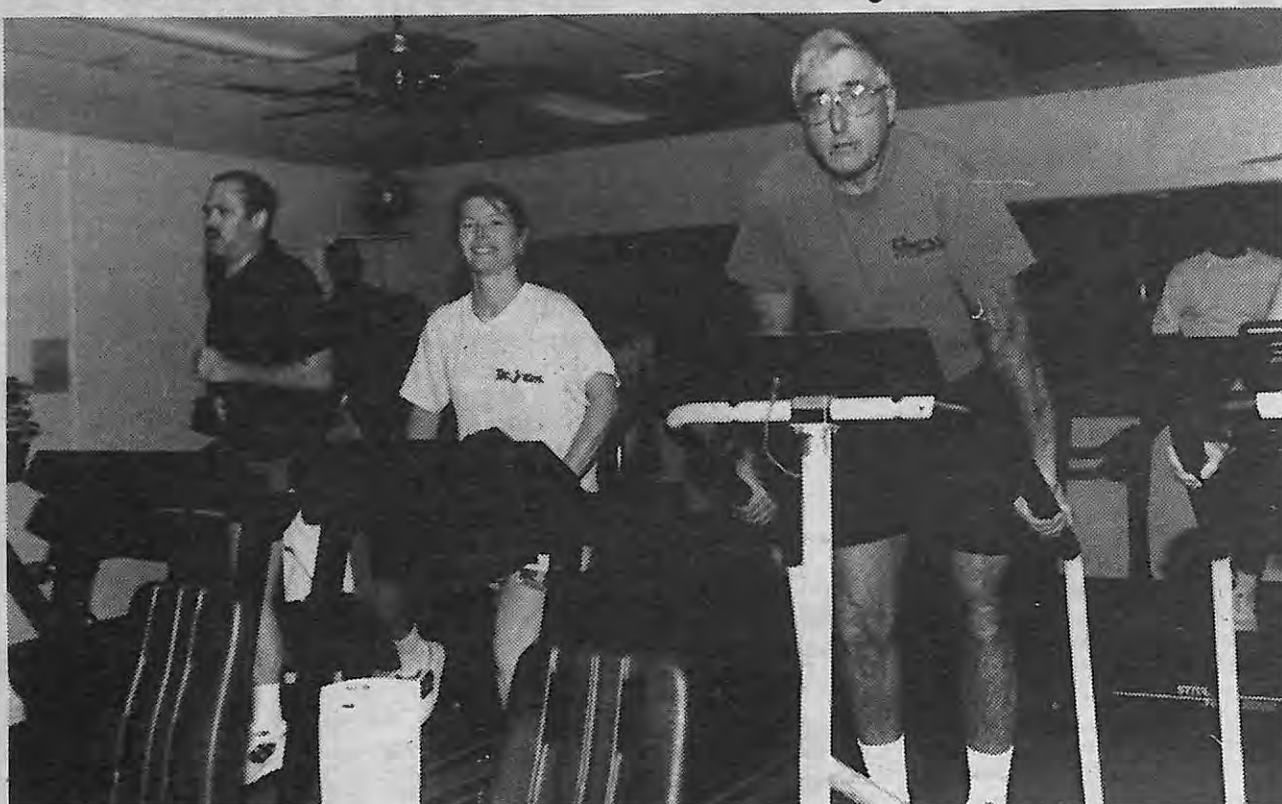
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photos by Jack Devine.

Piranhas Begin Winter Season With Decisive Victory Over Monson

The Agawam AA Piranhas held their first meet of the winter season on November 12th. The team, with a roster of 79 swimmers, won against the Monson team, 498-295, at the Agawam Junior High School.

The results included:

Girls 8 & under:

The team of Lauren Fox, Angela Vinton, Katie Gorman, and Bethany Reid placed first in the 100-yard freestyle relay; the team of Becky Lewin, Stephanie Depelteau, Julie Gorman, and Tammy Gorman placed second.

Bethany Reid, first, Katie Gorman, second in 100-yard individual medley; Angela Vinton, first in 25-yard freestyle; Lauren Fox, second, Angela Vinton, third in 25-yard butterfly; Katie Gorman, second in 50-yard freestyle; Lauren Fox, second, Tammy Gorman, third in 25-yard backstroke; Bethany Reid, first in 25-yard breaststroke.

Boys 8 & under:

The team of Joseph McGeoghan, Adam Deliefde, Doug Duquette, and Shaun Bruso placed first in the 100-yard freestyle relay.

Ben Bruso, first, Jamie Lewin, second in 100-yard individual medley.

The team of Erik Deliefde, Ben Bruso, Jamie Lewin, and Seamus Moran placed second in the 100-yard medley relay.

Seamus Moran, second, Shaun Bruso, third in 25-yard freestyle; Jamie Lewin, first in 25-yard butterfly; Erik Deliefde, second in 50-yard freestyle; Erik Deliefde, first, Seamus Moran, third in 25-yard backstroke; Ben Bruso, first in 25-yard breaststroke.

Girls 9-10:

The team of Kara Gilhooly, Ashley King, Kyleigh Egan, and Christina O'Brien placed first in the 200-yard medley relay.

Kyleigh Egan, first, Kara Gilhooly, second in 100-yard individual medley; Christine O'Brien, first, Nicole Breivogel, second in 50-yard freestyle; Kyleigh Egan, first in 50-yard butterfly; Christine O'Brien, first, Allison Morris, second in 100-yard freestyle; Ashley King, first, Nicole Breivogel, second, in 50-yard backstroke; Ashley King, first in 50-yard breaststroke.

Boys 9-10:

The team of Paul Lagasse, Ryan Sullivan, Brian McGuire, and Daniel Adamski placed first in the 200-yard medley relay.

Ryan Sullivan, first, Thomas Gorman, second in 100-yard individual medley; Daniel Adamski, first, Thomas Gorman, second, in 50-yard freestyle; Brian McGuire, first, Paul Lagasse, third in 50-yard butterfly; Daniel Adamski, first, Joshua Lewin, second in 100-yard freestyle; Brian McGuire, first, Paul Lagasse, second in 50-yard backstroke; Ryan Sullivan, first, Joshua Lewin, second in 50-yard breaststroke.

Girls 11-12:

The team of Shannon Costa, Rachel Morris, Jennifer Reid, and Caitlin Weisgerber placed first in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

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Caitlin Weisgerber, first in 200-yard individual medley; Shannon Costa, first in 200-yard freestyle; Chrissy Climo, second, Rachel Morris, third in 50-yard freestyle; Caitlin Weisgerber, first in 50-yard butterfly; Jennifer Reid, second in 100-yard freestyle; Shannon Costa, first in 50-yard backstroke; Jennifer Reid, first in 50-yard breaststroke.

Boys 11-12:

The team of Ryan Hanley, Thomas Graveline, Thomas Casiello, and Joseph Santaniello placed first in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

Thomas Casiello, second, Nathan Adamski, third in 200-yard individual medley; Ryan Hanley, first in 200-yard freestyle; Joseph Santaniello, second in 50-yard freestyle; Nathan Adamski, first in 50-yard butterfly; Ryan Hanley, first in 100-yard freestyle; Joseph Santaniello, second, Thomas Graveline, third in 50-yard backstroke; Thomas Casiello, first in 50-yard breaststroke.

Girls 13-14:

In the 200-yard freestyle relay, the team of Alicyn Siano, Gina Cellilli, Sarah Nacewicz, and Kelli Kunkel place first; the team of Melissa Sparver, Gina LeClair, Trina Bowler, and Shaunessy Egan placed second; and the team of Kelly Robinson, Jessica Degray, Brenna McGinn, and Jillian Abdow placed third.

In the 200-yard medley relay, the team of Kimberly Sullivan, Danielle Deforge, Shaunessy Egan, and Kelli Kunkel placed first; the team of Sarah Nacewicz, Melissa Sparver, Alicyn Siano, and Trina Bowler placed second; and the team of Jillian Abdow, Christy Roberts, Gina Cellilli, and Kelly Robinson placed third.

Kimberly Sullivan, first, Kelli Kunkel, second, and Kelly Robinson, third in 200-yard individual medley; Gina Cellilli, first, Danielle Deforge, second, and Christy Roberts, third in 200-yard freestyle; Kimberly Ziemba, first, Katherine Chmura, second in 50-yard freestyle; Alicyn Siano, first, Jillian Abdow, second, Shaunessy Egan, third in 100-yard butterfly; Trina Bowler, first, Kimberly Ziemba, third in 100-yard freestyle; Kimberly Sullivan, first, Sarah Nacewicz, second, Brenna McGinn, third in 100-yard backstroke; Danielle Deforge, first, Melissa Sparver, second, Christy Roberts, third in 100-yard breaststroke.

Boys 13-14:

Nicolas Duquette, second in 100-yard freestyle; Nicolas Duquette, first in 100-yard breaststroke.

Girls 15-18:

Rachel Niemiec, first in 200-yard individual medley; Tara Rivkin, first in 100-yard freestyle; Rachel Niemiec, first in 100-yard backstroke; Tara Rivkin, first in 100-yard breaststroke.



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Agawam Strikers Finish First Season With 9-2-1 Record

The Agawam Strikers of the Pioneer Valley Soccer League Boys' Under 9 Red Division have just completed their first season together.

They jumped out of the gate fast in winning their first six games. By season's end, the boys had compiled a very impressive 9-2-1 record. The Strikers then traveled to Gateway Regional High School for the post-season tournament.

In the semi-finals, they posted a very exciting

4-3 win over the Ludlow Sting. That set up a rematch in the finals with the cold spring team from Belchertown, who the Strikers had battled to 1-1-1 in the three games during the season.

The Strikers fought hard, but came up short in a 2-0 loss. Coaches Fred Perry and Joe Mineo would like to thank the boys for their efforts and also, the best group of parents they could have asked for.

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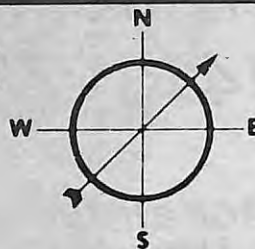
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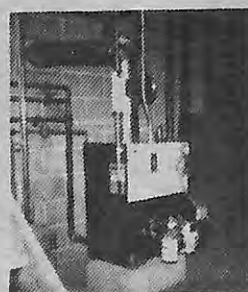
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